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Introduction

Abortion

This is what we all looked like at 12 weeks in the womb. Legal to kill in all 50 states. Anyone think its not a person? Pass this along. It literally might save a life.



Not saying I'm right for wanting exceptions for; rape, incest and life of the mother but I think society's wrong for allowing abortion on demand... this picture is a human being.

In the case of rape especially in time of war it's a tactic to take over another population. When Isis or whoever rapes women en-mass they're plan ethnic cleansing. If you allow 'collateral damage' when you bombing cities then in the tragic case of rape, the mother should have the option for an early term abortion. It's tragic in every sense of the word and a difficult call and I don't know I'm right just throwing it out there for discussion... and yes adoption's better.

You criticize me for killing skunks that have repeatedly sprayed our dogs on our front porch and in our yard. Yet you say it's OK to dismember viable human beings in the womb and sell their body parts for profit while sipping wine in a swank restaurant with PP's 'customers.' I'm not demanding that you change because you seem to be in the majority... just requesting that people who may want to leave in the future be allowed to, to start colonies where they won't be interfered with or subject to societies "enlightened" views.

Activism

“Confused what I thought with something I felt. Confuse what I feel with something that's real”... Kongos

There are activists and there are in-activists, if you're in the second category prepared to be played.

Adam and Eve-N

Advice

“We all know it's a lot easier giving advice than taking it”... Frankie Heck

I've given too much advice already and it's mostly been received with ridicule, so I'm *learning* that perhaps I should give less. If anyone wants advice from me, they can read it in the funny papers.

Am I a jerk for suggesting that abject failures offer the most free advice... and what pray tell does that make me? ☺

Like most people I'm full of advice and happy to dispense it but it's not a popular commodity... that's OK there's lots more free advice out there for the taking.

“You want to teach but not be taught, I want to sell but not be bought”... Ghosts of Beverly Drive

Aging

“Growing up leads to growing old and then to dying. And dying to me don't sound like all that much fun”... John Mellencamp

Funny... this chapter gets a little longer with each book!

I don't like all the *spankings* I get when I go to the store etc. and forget what I went there for but I'm hoping in the long run it will help my memory more than making lists will.

Seems like we were supposed to downsize when we get in our 50s then spend the rest of our lives watching TV, volunteering and eating fancy meals before we go *gentle into the night*... as Billy Joe says, 'I beg to dream and differ' ☺

'Haven't had my coffee yet'...isn't an excuse, it's a reason...☺

I get the feeling that part of 'successful aging' (oxymoron?) is keeping your memory as long as possible and the other part is learning to cope with its inevitable loss... can you say sticking notes etc?

As we age flexibility's very important, I'd put it right up there with retaining one's memory. When we get to the point that someone has to cut our toenails, it's probably a sign that we're in trouble... on a number of levels.

Losing my mind but it's okay, pretty sure I don't need it ☺

Growing old may suck but in most cases it's better than the alternative.

Maybe pain is God's way of telling us we're still alive but won't be forever.

I'm beyond the point of expecting a good haircut, so I just look for good looking hairdressers... come on, I'm by no means the only one!

Not only do we not remember the 'same things', when we occasionally do remember the same things, we don't remember them 'the same' ☺

With each passing year I have to refine my routine further to avoid things like falling down the stairs, tripping over my shoes and other things that at my age can cause more serious injuries than they would have a few years ago... little things I used to take for granted aren't so little anymore.

If I could remember to take my turmeric maybe I'd remember to do the other things I'm supposed to remember to do...

There are things we should do before it's too late... for me it's Euchre, for you it's something else. There's also a price for everything we do in life, like toeing the line and bucking the trend. There's a price for not getting the counseling you need to help deal with PTSD, there's a price I have to pay for running my mouth and there's a price people will have to pay for hurting those who are weaker and more vulnerable than they are.

Aesop

The earliest Greek sources, including Aristotle, indicate that Aesop was born around 620 BCE in Thrace at a site on the Black Sea coast which would later become the city Mesembria. (Wikipedia)

- A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety.
 - *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse.*
- Any excuse will serve a tyrant.
 - *The Wolf and the Lamb.*
- Any number of lies will serve an rich and evil man.
 - *The Evil Liar.*
- Spot the falsehood of history and find out the truth.
 - *The Spartan Lies.*
- Be careful of rich and powerful men for they will do nothing for your sake.
 - *The Greediest Man On Earth.*
- Appearances often are deceiving.
 - *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.*
- Be content with your lot; one cannot be first in everything.
 - *Juno and the Peacock.*
- Better be wise by the misfortunes of others than by your own.
 - *The Lion, The Ass, And The Fox Hunting.*
- Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.
 - *The Dog and the Shadow.*

- Beware the wolf in sheep's clothing.
 - *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.*
- Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.
 - *The Milkmaid and Her Pail.*
- Don't cry over spilt milk.
 - *The Milkmaid and Her Pail.*
- Familiarity breeds contempt or Acquaintance softens prejudices.
 - *The Fox and the Lion.*
- I am sure the grapes are sour.
 - *The Fox and the Grapes.*
- I will have nought to do with a man who can blow hot and cold with the same breath.
 - *The Man and the Satyr.*
- In critical moments even the very powerful have need of the weakest.
 - *The Lion and the Mouse.*
- It is easy to be brave from a safe distance.
 - *The Wolf and the Kid.*
- It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow.
 - *The Ant and the Grasshopper.*
- It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds.
 - *The Jay and the Peacock.*
- Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.
 - *The Fox and the Goat.*
- No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
 - *The Lion and the Mouse.*
- People often grudge others when they cannot enjoy themselves.
 - *The Dog in the Manger.*

- Persuasion is often more effectual than force.
 - *The Wind and the Sun.*
- Put your shoulder to the wheel.
 - *Hercules and the Wagoner.*
- Self-conceit may lead to self-destruction.
 - *The Frog and the Ox.*
- Slow and steady wins the race.
 - *The Hare and the Tortoise.*
- The boy cried "Wolf, wolf!" and the villagers came out to help him.
 - *The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf.*
- The fly sat upon the axle-tree of the chariot-wheel and said, What a dust do I raise!
 - *The Fly on the Wheel.*
- The gods help them that help themselves.
 - *Hercules and the Wagoner.*
- The shaft of the arrow had been feathered with one of the eagle's own plumes. We often give our enemies the means of our own destruction.
 - *The Eagle and the Arrow.*
- Thinking to get at once all the gold the goose could give, he killed it and opened it only to find nothing.
 - *The Goose with the Golden Eggs.*
- Union gives strength.
 - *The Bundle of Sticks.*
- While I see many hoof marks going in, I see none coming out. It is easier to get into the enemy's toils than out again.
 - *The Lion, the Fox, and the Beasts.*
- We would often be sorry if our wishes were gratified.
 - *The Old Man and Death.*

- Enemies' promises were made to be broken.
 - [*The Nurse and the Wolf*](#), as translated by [Joseph Jacobs](#) (1894).

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.

No act of kindness matter how small is ever wasted.

Aliens (Ancient & Otherwise)

Conflicts between powers and principalities in the heavens could be quite true and the *aliens* might be watching us from a blind like we watch deer. Only a few times have they *genuinely* been caught and all the crazies and make up stories diminish those accounts. From ancient times onward we've heard of them and these conflicts between powers and principalities in the heavens adds sense to Bible stories, IMO making them more plausible but I still can't take the whole thing literally...

Amarna Letters

America

I have friends for which it's essential to first and foremost be an American... that's fine but first and foremost I'm a member of the human race... I hope that doesn't *disqualify* me from being an American.

Are our problems serious, massive or insurmountable? I don't know, nor do I have solutions but I do have some ideas... *the thing is* I've been 'advised' by some smart people to keep them to myself ☺

I'm not saying I'd rather see the country go down the tubes than given to usurpers, neither do I want to be partner to that process. I don't think the founding founders or our ancestors would want it given away and though many consider that irrelevant I don't. I'm not going to fight for a *good old boy* 'pure' Anglo society but I'm opposed to an elitist, socially engineered version of diversity being shoved down our throats. Diversity and melting pots are fine but not at this blurring speed and with *ulterior motives*.

Being better than the alternative doesn't make one side the best or even acceptable. If all they guarantee is the status quo and not freedom then we have set the bar too low

Ancestors and Old Stuff

"At the end of the garden is a shrine, when the weather is better I would like to show it to you, if it doesn't violate your faith... it's okay, God's house is God's house... you are wise and venerable Mrs. Jacoby"... A Majority of One

Whether it's my English or Egyptian ancestors, I'm proud of many things they did and ashamed of some others.

Our ancestors fought and died to give themselves and their descendants; freedom, rights and opportunities and *I think* they wouldn't want those things to be lost or *given away*, especially to those they fought, despised, or disagreed with. *However* if our generation wants to give those things away it is out of our ancestors hands and unless we take a firm stand those beloved things may be lost... not just shared but lost. I suppose some of our ancestors would be fine with that, others wouldn't and certainly I am not for giving away the farm!

If our deceased loved ones can see our *behind closed door* antics I hope I'm keeping them amused but not shocking or disturbing anyone ☺

I think many of them would be glad that our; freedoms, rights and opportunities are being shared but I doubt many would be happy that they're flat out being given away to usurpers intent on destroying the enlightened legacy from whence they came, which was America and western Europe. After all many or most of the 300,000 + Americans killed fighting for the north apparently were willing to risk death to end slavery... but would most of them be happy with the current state of affairs or would they feel they'd been *hoodwinked*?

The American Revolution is the only war I definitely would've supported... or would I? I probably wouldn't volunteered to fight to free the slaves despite believing slavery's entirely wrong. Instead if I was born into a slaveholding family I think and hope I would have set them free, but I can't criticize anyone who would fight to end that criminal institution.

I don't worship my ancestors or want grandkids mostly for them. I don't know if they're looking down from above but they might be so I take that into consideration. I love and respect them but would disagree with them on a number of things and can learn from their record of successes and failures. I want grandkids because I believe it will enrich my children's lives and ours... it's a circle of life well worth perpetuating.

Anger

“Some people say I'm of noxious and lazy on my uneducated my opinion means nothing”...John Mellancamp

Some things are better left unsaid as they embarrass and incriminate while doing very little good... other things need to be aired.

I'd like to tell the, “it must be nice crowd”, that I wish they'd cut it out...lame-o!

**Should I blame my father for asking me to drop him and his girlfriend off and having to circle the block looking repeatedly to find a parking place, resulting in a *sphincter injury*Ⓢ
No, I was as culpable for that as for the vasectomy and darn near everything else I regret.
I shouldn't complain, I should mitigate...**

**“This doesn't have to be the big get even this doesn't have to be anything at all”...
Fleetwood Mac**

Authority

“I fight authority, authority always wins”... John Mellencamp

You've turned men into gods and Idols and yourselves subservient to kings and queens.

If someone falls into the ‘give them an inch, they'll take a mile’ category, think twice before giving them an inch...

I don't want to be ruled by men, women, guns or money. I only want to be ruled by God and I want that to be based on my imperfect interpretation, not some religious authority's imperfect interpretation which they ‘claim’ is perfect... ridiculous huh?

“His mind is not for rent to any god or government and those changes are permanent”...Rush

Banksters

Battle of the Sexes

“Love comes wearing disguises... break it down by shapes and sizes...you-you-you're just my type... Oh, you got a pulse and you are breathing... I'm a man who's got very specific taste”...Saint Motel

“I can't believe Vanessa my bride my one true love ... was a fembot” - Austin Powers

“You'll take an inch but you'd like a mile”... Jackie Blue (a journey of 1,000 miles starts with one step)

“I know I left too much mess and destruction

To come back again

And I caused nothing but trouble

I understand if you can't talk to me again”... Dido

**I don't expect people to give up their gains nor do I expect to submit to them... tweak ,
tweak, tweak is the answer ☺**

Yes, I think women are a little crazy but it's usually a nice crazy... men not so much.

It's not like God is going to stop making pretty girls and even if he did, most girls are pretty good at looking pretty.

Don't like to say it but on some level all men are manbots and all women are fembots.

If we can't get along, maybe we should avoid each other till *mating season*, which begins daily at 5 o'clock somewhere☺

Men and women - two very different peoples whose worlds by necessity collide...

Listening to Pearl Jam's ‘Can't Find a Better Man” and thinking of all the ladies out there in that predicament. It makes me think that being assholes must've been a successful male survival strategy since the beginning of time. Not that guys are complete assholes but being an asshole seems to *insure* that they'll pass their genes to the next generation. The flipside is that if a woman does find a good man, it seems to go her head and if she's strong enough, she can be too demanding and pound him into the earth...both sexes are susceptible to human and animal nature.

There are things in this chapter I won't, only think about them and I don't know if that's good or bad.

Don't be ruled by them but don't be afraid to be a little more like them just watch the movie 'Miss You' with Drew and Tony and you'll know why.

I suppose it's unfortunate that there is and always has been a battle of the sexes. I'd rather live in peace but I if it means surrendering I won't. On the other hand when waged ‘kindly’ maybe this battle can bring out the best in both sexes to the benefit of everyone involved.

What a wild, wooly and naughty bunch and I don't mean naughty in a bad way... as far as I can tell they're like very well-dressed cave ladies and despite what they say about me I love them, and realize that we men are no better, no worse and in most respects no different than they.

I don't want to live in a world populated by fembot's engineered by men, nor do I want to be enslaved by 'real' women who want a nanny state to control and micromanage everone.

I have yet to meet a woman who's not radical... don't you have to, to be a Mom? But it doesn't end there, between worker bee syndrome and the desire to be the queen and live on Royal Jelly women are the bomb ☺

Maybe girls have to be rascals... how else would they survive? They have such an important job and they're often outweighed 2 to 1.

These ~~poor~~ dear ladies how far they fall, from the height of beauty they go completely to pot! In old age they should be appreciated as much as when they were the apple of our eyes. Guys on the other hand are judged less on appearances, so the fall we take doesn't hurt quite as much.

Those of us who are older say we haven't a dog in the fight but we do. Young fathers are reduced to minion-hood, losing custody and control of their kids and how their kids are raised, often having to pay for whatever their ex choses. Meanwhile single Mom's often deal with baby daddy's who refuse or can't pay child support and the taxpayer foots the bill. These are two areas where tweaking should be done. If the fruit of an ex's labor is going to the custodial spouse he or she that pays should have commensurate say in the decisions. If a spouse fails for whatever reason to pay support, he or she should be sent to camp and compelled to work in whatever capacity is appropriate so as to enable the payment of sufficient support.

Ladies... they all sound so sweet on paper ☺

While I'm at it, it's interesting how IMO so many women have pronounced socialist tendencies... but I can't blame them when you look at the record of men not supporting their offspring.

"Crazy laughter in another room and she drove herself to madness with a silver spoon"...Eagles

Rock on, ancient queen. Follow those who pale in your shadow"... Stevie Nicks

"And she's buying a stairway to heaven"... LZ

“Rest assured that when I Start to make you nervous I’m going to extremes Tomorrow I will change and today won’t mean a thing... Just when you think You get me figured out The season’s already changin’”... Alanis Morissette

“Just tell him it's the only place in town where the women are young and the whiskey’s aged”... Frank Sinatra (Four for Texas)

“I said, Slow, don't go so fast don't you think that love can last?, She said, Love, lord above, now you're gonna trick me in love"… Free

“The problem is you're treating them as a group, the trick with women is to split them off from the herd, otherwise you risk a stampede”... Charlie Harper

“Girl, before I met you I was F.I.N.E. Fine but your love made me a prisoner, yeah my heart's been doing time”... Aerosmith

“I hear your voice inside me, I see your face everywhere Still you say We belong to the light, we belong to the thunder”... Pat Benatar

**“In touch with the ground
I'm on the hunt I'm after you
Smell like I sound, I'm lost in a crowd
And I'm hungry like the wolf”... Duran, Duran**

**“On a bed of nails she makes me wait”... U2
:The blonde waitresses they've got their moves you drop your drink in a bring you more”... The Bangles**

“Do you want him back or do you want him to suffer? I don't know. That's OK it's often the same thing”... Rose & Bridgette

**“I know someday you'll have a beautiful life,
I know you'll be a star in somebody else's sky,
But why, why, why can't it be, can't it be mine?”... Pearl Jam**

“Some they do and some they don't. And some you just can't tell. And some they will and some they won't. With some it's just as well”... Supertramp

Bee Hives and Ant Colonies

The commercial says, queen bees lives 4 years because they gets ‘royal jelly’, workers only live 45 days. Male bees live just long enough to mate then die and Cloris says, “that sounds like a pretty good system.” I wonder who has it worse, male drones, female worker (slaves)

or the queen who has to lay eggs day in and day out? Basically it sounds like being any kind of a bee sucks 😊

Bell Curves and Hard Wires

Does the bell curve apply to religions? I don't mean to God, just to religions. I think it does, because members and leaders of all religions range from good to horrible... The rebuttal may be the usual, "we're not better, just better off" and they may be right.

Ben Franklin

Bible

Biblical Archaeology

If you think the world's 10,000 years old, I will have to respectfully disagree... in fact you've lost me.

The various religious stories of creation etc. may contain kernels of truth or may be pure fantasy but I doubt very much that they are the truth, whole truth and nothing but the truth.

What is the historicity of the books of; Job, Judith and Esther and are there other books whose historical accuracy are debatable? The speaker said that according to the Catholic church, historicity isn't directly related to authenticity and Godly inspiration. On the flipside he said that just because a text is historically accurate doesn't mean it's inspired or authoritative.

According to the American History Channel there are about 30 million species of animals on earth... nice going Noah, loading them all on the arc in seven days was quite a feat... or did he just load the "clean ones?"

Bias

Bird World

Breasticisms

I have a criteria for tipping the waitress that really shouldn't be discussed, since it's based too much on appearance. In fact a MythBuster's study showed that men tipped big bosomed women 30% more than other gals...but women tipped them 40% more! I also base tips on service and even on how mommy raised her, which you can sometimes tell... way to go Momma! As far as tipping waiters, my criteria's more objective, like level of service and does he support a family etc.

Sorry... but if you don't hire comely waitresses, I'll probably just eat at McD's.

Britain

Bugs

Are you willing to take a chance on the zombie apocalypse or whatever catastrophe may be in store if we eliminate *bad bugs* like flies, mosquitos and invasive Lady bugs? I am and think Purina or Blue Buffalo will take care of feeding the frogs...kidding, kidding!

Dust mites? If they weren't so ugly it wouldn't be a bad thing to come back as. What a gig! Living off of human dust makes them kind of like the dogs of the bug world except we can't see them. They're sort of domesticated but is there flavor and protein in dust?

I spared a moth and lost some cloth... I'd rather clean a spot off the wall then empty my closet☺

Business

"I am good businessman Mr. Cheng? You are grandfather of wisdom your Excellency"...West of Shanghai

I own my customers a decent job and gentlemanly conduct, hopefully they'll come back for more but jumping through hoops is only for rare, special occasions. If my work isn't fantastic, at least they'll hopefully remember that overall their interaction with me was pleasant ☺

"Live from the most powerful city in the world"... CNBC, truth, arrogance or something else?

Capitalism

Charity

Children (young and old)

China

Church

Civilization

Death is still 100% certain in the long run but no one's been killed by a Sabertooth Tiger in 10,000 years...and 10,000 years ago no one killed by texting while they drive.

Civilize the #\$\$%xs, the ^&*+!# s, or the @~#^&*s? Heck we can't even civilize ourselves!

‘Super-human’ efforts may or may not save the world, but our current ‘sub-human’ efforts almost guarantee disaster... God help us!

So many problems and so many opportunities in this world! Whether it's Isis, home invasions by local thugs, being attacked by a chimp at the ‘sanctuary’, or eaten by a mountain lion that's wandered into Indiana from the south, dangers abound, not to mention that every country in the world has his own set of unique problems, ranging from earthquakes to unrest. It's a great big exciting world as it has been from the beginning! Meanwhile; pastors, mullahs, priests and rabbis stoke young men to violence, who otherwise would be playing ball, drinking tea or beer, smoking cigarettes or dope and looking at the pretty girls and the girls would be doing their own thing if do if not for *wholly* men.

Climate Change

Its December 12, 2015 Indianapolis, I'm driving and have to turn the air conditioner on... I believe we set a new record today... about 70 F... hmmm.

It's February 1, 2016 and a Robin's digging for worms in our backyard climate change? Nahhh ☺

Competition

"All invading armies except the Mongols didn't believe the Russian weather reports. Napoleon didn't believe them and Hitler didn't believe them, the greatest generals in Russian army are General January and General February"... History Channel *expert*?

Competing views... that's what it's all about and that would be okay if it didn't lead to conflict and war all the time.

Loaded for bear means your gun's has big bullets in it, which is a good thing when you're in a tight spot. If you're meeting adversaries, do it on yours or neutral ground, keep a safe distance, be respectful and watch your back.

Everyone seems to have a pet 'cause' that justifies or allows violence. Even if we say we don't, arguably we do because we don't speak out, vote against it or even vote for those who allow it... we're are complicit be we Quakers, Shakers or fakers.

"Lots of people living in competition, all I want is to have my peace of mind"... Boston

Conflict and War

"What is somebody gave a War and nobody came?"... unknown

The above would be fantastic if it was a bad war, which IMO most of them are.

Old empires and ancient peoples are trying to reemerge while new ones fight to maintain their hard won power. Will it be settled in the valley as "foretold?"

There are lots of people and nations that shouldn't be 'trifled with' but trifle we do... unfortunately it's what people do best.

If two wrongs don't make a right, how many do? Don't worry the human race is working on it...

There are tyrants and subjugators everywhere... some use guns and bombs, some use votes and laws and some are even more conniving.

I don't think that what the Jews do is always right but I know what Hitler did was always wrong... IMO by most standards they're the smartest people in the world and there's also wisdom and they are all over the place as per that...

Ironic... you want to kill Muslims, they want to kill you, what's his name wants to kill pot smokers and someone else wants to kill adulterers...please get your guns, form a circle and get it over with.

I can see intervening in some cases but we do it like it's going out of style. Everyone may want more or less the same things but everyone's not an Englishmen or American. Hard as you try to impose democracy on Arabs or whoever, you *may* not succeed. Are the Arab's

descendants of Ishmael and does the Bible refer to Ishmael as, “.. a wild donkey of a man.” In any case I wonder if some people are like Labs, some like Pits and some like Collies? Maybe we should occasionally let sleeping dogs lie.

I'm for protecting the U.S.A. and to me that means controlling our; borders, interior, air space and access to international sea lanes. I think this isn't a particularly popular view so I'm not talking about it very much. Many seem to think foreign wars are the answer, I respectfully disagree and wonder, WW J G and Abe do?

If you want to fight wars be my guest, but stop getting the whole country into them and telling us how important it is for our calling card to be bombs... most of the time, you not doing anyone a favor except the special interests.

Conforming

“I've wasted time, I've wasted breath, I think I've thought myself to death”... Kongos

The environmentalists might say you're irrational if you don't subscribe to their point of view and religionist's might say reason's irrelevant and only God's will matters... which of course they know best.

So stop trying to please the aforementioned or anyone else... leave people pleasing to the professionals...like most juggling acts pleasing everyone is best when performed by the professional aka clowns...

Of course I care what other people think, some more than others but I'd be a damn fool to base my life on it.

The more invested you are in the stock market, the more your invested in the entire system. You have a vested interest in supporting the status quo, MIC and PTB. Eventually you have to go with the flow because your fortunes rise and fall with theirs. That's exactly what our handlers want, just like they insist on being paymaster for the military and the police... they need them on their side. They want to be our paymaster too so they can rock our world at will. Meanwhile if you don't participate you're *spanked* via the tax code etc.

Conspicuous consumption

Conspiracies

"I think some of these things are in the ethos and I'm Just the rod that brings them out"...
Joe Kernan

Constitution

"The Constitution is not designed to facilitate change, it's designed to impede change"...
Antonin Scalia

You 'Inc.' a business but you 'enshrine' a Constitution... it's a far more serious matter.

"Day after day the court is constructing an America that I cannot imagine"... Antonin Scalia – (I doubt that George and the boys would either.)

Contractors

Cooperation

It's fruitless to try and make everyone like you and it's foolish to antagonize everyone you meet...

What's to understand? You toe the line or get beat down, it's worse over there but it's also pervasive here... the bar is set way too low☺

We're not in the sky looking down benefiting from a bird's eye view so when someone's agenda conflicts with yours, realized they have rights too...so try to coexist.

The fact that some people make rude comments all the time doesn't necessarily make them assholes it makes them 'quite' human.

Co-optation

"Tooth for tooth, eye for an eye, sell your soul just to bop on by"... Stevie Ray Vaughan

It's so nice (not) all these people telling us what *wisdom of the ages* is valid and what's racism, discrimination or whatever. We're told it's no longer important to have children

and continue your family line, instead that's greedy and it's now "someone else's turn." Meanwhile we've been duped into embracing the very values that will destroy us... they call it 'justice for all', I call it co-opting and treachery disguised as humanitarianism. Lawyers and social engineers are not qualified to run our lives... nor are the 'wholly' men.

Corruption

Crime

Is it possible that Bill Cosby's the worst serial rapist in American history and will go unpunished? Statute of limitations is BS...

Some monsters just might deserve cruel and unusual punishment but not sadistic punishment... Bill Bradford comes to mind. In certain cases the 'usual' punishment's a joke and our goal should be to punish the criminal and hopefully deter copycats. The 'usual' punishment frequently fails to do this, in my book deterrence should be the # 1 goal and if it takes cruel and unusual but not sadistic punishment then so be it.

The truly "cruel and unusual punishment" is when society imprisons someone for a 'victimless crime' (IMO there are victimless crimes) and allows that person to be raped, sodomized and/or assaulted by the true predators. The travesty is when violent criminals who are caught red-handed and verifiably convicted are given three-squares, TV, weights and God knows what else at the expense of the taxpayers instead of bread and water and a life of hard-labor, or other punishment that deters violent crime. If you imprison people for smoking pot or other *crimes* that are non-violent but offend your morals and allow them to be brutalized by hard core criminals in prison, then you are the monsters.

If the day comes when murder, rape etc. is eradicated then severe punishment can die with them. Until then, murderers and the like should be culled from society, otherwise we are a ship of fools.

'Cruel' as in as severe as necessary to deter, 'unusual' as in well thought out but not sadistic. Deterrence should be the primary; goal, hope and the ideal. Of course we don't want to become monsters ourselves but neither should we let bleeding hearts or fools deter us from deterring the real monsters who prey on the innocent.

Criticism

"They don't like people like me questioning what they've been taught and continue to teach"... Henry Lincoln

Cults

If you have *faith and trust* you're supposed to believe certain things are going to happen and supposed to do everything you can to help it happen. I think 'it' *might* happen which leaves me on the fence and self-defense mode instead of on the offensive for a prescribed outcome and that's all right with me.

Societies, religions and nations can be like the swarms of bees or birds that we see in the sky. They act in unison like a single organism which might help explain how a prophecy is fulfilled. When an entire society or religion acts as one mind with one goal it just might be achieved... groupthink at its *best*.

It's possible these great religions are personality cults. It's not a stretch to propose that they not only fit the definition but they also have similarities to earlier cults from whatever regions they came from...

Any group that chastises its members for looking at the *other side of the coin* and/or studying; history, archaeology, science etc. and brands other points of view automatically evil and/or satanic IMO is a cult. They have that right but I would like to put as much distance as possible between myself and the powerful cults that have these beliefs. At the present time and maybe forever it's impossible to avoid them but at least 'most' of them are peaceful, although their various commissions aren't always tolerant or in favor of coexistence.

For those who disrespect the entire human race other than their own; clique, clan or cult shame on you, no matter who *taught* you that.

Genuine, cult, culture? In any case it's powerful beyond compare and regardless of the Bibles literal truth it's unstoppable and as long as it's tolerant of the peaceful it's good. It hasn't always been but it may have the best record of the religions. Maybe it will save the world...?

Cryonics

Do Cryonics and assisted suicide go hand in hand or are they immoral?

My que will be when I can't *hold it* anymore and/or my mouth runs uncontrollably and embarrassingly...

Dad

Today would have been Dad's 86th birthday and went by his grave at Crown Hill Cemetery...it was beautiful as usual. Cleaned his memorial marker with water and a paper towel and the marble shined again. As I pulled up I caught the last few bars of *Dust in the Wind* on the radio, which I may have heard another time I was here? In any case the music on the radio has seemed *appropriate* on these visits. Kneeling next to his grave I wondered if he knew I was there? Who knows! I've heard the expression "feel things in your bones" and I wonder if it means more than just a change in the weather... maybe we have a million years of memory in our bones and even when they're in the ground they might remember or be conscious??? I had the feeling he'd want me to tell him what was going on in the world so I told him that nothing much has changed since he left and there's still a lot of trouble out there. I should have told him about the family...and next time I'll remember to. As I was leaving I heard a few bars of *Candle in the Wind* by Elton John on the radio... what a strange world this is.

Turned radio on at Crown Hill and it's forever Young by Rod Stewart followed by Father's be Good to Your Daughters, followed by walk like an Egyptian and finally Demons by Imagine Dragons... it's March 15th, tomorrow's the first anniversary of Dad's passing. Not sure what to make of that last song, it is what it is and the lyrics aren't that bad... at least the first three songs were good!

Debt

Democracy

Forfeit our rights because you can out vote us? I don't think so...how stupid is that?

Pure democracy has always been seriously but not fatally flawed but don't say that to those who worship it. For those who are in the majority to tell the minority to suck it up makes no sense to the minority. If something's wrong with society like slavery it should be abolished but don't make people who didn't participate pay for the mistakes of the past, unless you can directly connect dots to large present day fortunes. Asking for a 'class action' to financially punish most or all Americans to benefit the slaves descendants is an affront that should be fought. Equal opportunity without special legal privileges for any group should be the norm and a strong constitution is at least as important as a representative form of government to guarantee that. The Constitution should be impossible to subvert and very difficult to change but in a pure democracy as De Tocqueville pointed out a welfare state is almost inevitably voted into existence. A pure democracy goes back-and-forth bullying one group and favoring another. Demographics become destiny as one group rallies to out-baby the others in order to gain control... usually at the expense of those they intend to replace.

I'm guessing it wasn't lost on the founding fathers, that women outnumber men. If they wouldn't surrender their rights to the superior *Brutish* army, why would they enshrine a system where by the vote they'd eventually have to surrender their rights to the more populous gender? 'Employed by' isn't a problem, governed by straddles 'the line' but ruled by others should be as unacceptable as any other form of vassal-dom... free people should be citizens not subjects.

I'm opposed to pure democracy because it leads to free people being ruled by others instead of governed, or employed.

Everybody has to pander to women from the pastor to the president, although none of them admit it. Few would 'volunteer' to be ruled by someone physically stronger than them, so why allow those who outnumber you people to rule you? Like the old trapper said, "I do love the ladies but there ain't no thing God made harder than a woman's breast." Pure democracy which the founding fathers were not for has resulted in the greatest peace time forfeiture of rights in the history of the world... hmm.

Pure democracy and law-enforcement being beholden to paymasters will not only ruin this country it will ruin any country. When the police and military are beholden to elitists who can pay, not pay or somehow fire them we're doomed... we are doomed. It wasn't just de Tocqueville who saw this, the people taking advantage of it controlling purse-strings and winning votes by promising largess or by owning the media also took note and they haven't looked back yet.

Denominations

I'm not an expert but I think the laws of nature and the universe are fairly logical, whereas religious laws, rules and dogma often seem illogical and designed to help one group another and that seem like a human construct.

I believe in God and belong to a church, not to a religion...

I'm about as Christian as; Franklin, Jefferson and Adams and maybe less Christian than Washington... maybe.

If you don't like my religious beliefs, what would you think of; Thomas Jefferson's, Ben Franklins, Abe Lincoln's, U.S. Grants etc? I wouldn't be surprised if they get 'forgiven'...me, maybe not.

I'd be very happy to be called a Christian or to call myself a Christian but I don't think I have the qualifications, since I'm basically just baptized and asked for Jesus to be my savior. I'm told that the 'questions' that I have about Christianity disqualify me from the

being in the lambs book. I see Jesus as the gold standard but his flock does not accept me and they say that Jesus and/or God won't either... I hope they're wrong.

Particular religions may dominate because people fear the religionists might harm them for leaving (Islam) or they'll burn in hell forever if they don't join (Christianity) both are power incentives/threats which the lesser religions tend not to use. The religions that promise heavenly rewards roughly equivalent to Christianity and Islam generally haven't grown as fast as the threat based religions... I hope that changes.

Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist whatever... we're all 'just' naked apes... at least that's what we've been acting like... sorry apes ☺

Regardless of if I were a Christian or a Unitarian, I'm considered backslid by both ☺

The pundit said Islam's in need of a reformation like Christianity's from several hundred years ago. I agree Islam badly needs reform but the Christian reformation wasn't as successful as we'd like to think. For example instead of mostly private armies descending on the middle east as in the days of the crusaders, we now vote for candidates who will send national armies to those same lands...we haven't come as far as we think.

I respect your 'theology' be it Christianity, other religions, environmentalism or no religion as long as your peaceful...

A major difference between my Muslim and Christian relatives is that the Christian's never say they'll kill you if you don't convert and that you have the right to change religions. My impression is that the Muslims may think differently although each of them is an individual and may have their own ideas. It's still a major difference although it may be mostly philosophical or 'academic', since I think the majority of them are peaceful. A major similarity between my Muslim and Christian relatives is that they all seem to love their families, countries and want to enjoy life to the fullest.

Despotism

Discrimination

Diversity?

It's not funny that saying everybody should be treated equal and nobody to get special privileges is currently twisted into meaning that you're an oppressive racist, chauvinist or whatever.

It's not 'just' that they're not my people it's mostly that when we 'come together' they replace my people and we disappear. So despite the obvious criticism, in good conscience I say, go in peace, I wish you well.

I don't get it... I don't want people who I relate to, to be overwhelmed and replaced. .. what's crazy about that?

They have declared war on us and you have picked their side...

America has always been a simultaneously Afro-phobic and Afro-filic country. The abolitionists were for equality, the founding fathers were all over the map, espousing all men being created equal, holding slaves and fathering mixed race children. The north and south spilled millions of gallons of blood over the status of African Americans, while institutional racism existed in the north and slave states sought to extend their reach westward. Today, Obama, Cain and Carson get huge numbers of votes from whites, black athletes and entertainers lead the way and blacks vote democratic by a large margin, while whites split their votes almost down the middle.

Unfortunately... would be the end of the line for our line... am I the only one who cares?

If God wants humans to turn into a brown race that's fine and it will happen, but if it's humans pushing the movement to eliminate a diverse mix of races then I hope those people fail, because in addition to loving everyone, I think variety aka true diversity is the spice of life and a diverse genome is a tonic for disease.

Could a lot of fast twitch muscle make people more impulsive and partially account for high crime statistics... of course not.

I agree that people of all races and sexes are equal but not that they're all the same...

Are these differences cultural or chemical? Oh, yeah I'm supposed to say there are no significant difs.

I definitely think you're a good man and you might be the best man I know and though I'd be happy to live beside you, I don't want to live amongst your people...if you hate me for that I understand.

Don't believe in a master race but do believe in differences in the bell curves among different races. Some excel more at math than sports, other's might excel at something else but all produce individuals, probably many of them that are capable of greatness in any areas of human endeavor.

Africanization *is what it is* and many if not most Americans seem to want it, so it may very well happen. Africanized America will be a brave new world of strong dark people and I wish them well. Meanwhile down at the dock passengers are boarding the Mayflower II

and the Godspeed, heading to faraway places like New Plymouth and Youkerville...it may have to happen in steps because the pilgrims aren't crossing a 3,000 mile ocean, they're crossing the universe.

I'm not for further Anglicanization, Africanization, Latinization or any other 'izations' of the good old USA, just let nature take its course without PTB interference.

Can you wish someone well but not wish them to succeed in their goals, if those goals are counter to yours? Why not? And what's wrong with that? I'm told it's wrong... you have to embrace the majority's agenda...no matter who that consensus has been engineered. I think it depends on who's ox you're not letting gore you...

I no more accept the majority's right to rule me than I accept a man with a gun's right to rule me...

I'm for diversification but not for the Africanization, Muslimization or any other 'ization' of the U.S.A., I'm also not for the Americanization of the rest of the world, that too is counter to diversity.

A recent study of the prevalence of various Y chromosome variants has uncovered the genetic legacy of Genghis Khan. The Y chromosome, unlike all the rest, has only one copy. It pairs up with the X chromosome in males, and is absent in females who have 2 X chromosomes.

This means that the Y chromosome is passed unchanged from generation to generation of males barring any new mutations.

A study was being done of the prevalence of various Y variants and they found that in Asia approximately 16 million men share a certain Y chromosome. By studying the pattern of the spread of this Y chromosome they were able to determine that it could only be Genghis Khan who gave rise to it.

The average man from the era of Genghis Khan would expect to have about 800 decedents. Instead, Genghis Khan has 16 million! Why?...

<http://www.sciforums.com/threads/the-16-million-children-of-genghis-khan.106843/>

In other words, Genghis Khan may have raped thousands of women leading to X% of people today being related to him. Similar rapist despots no doubt existed in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.

Fewer than 300 (approximately 280)[2] Korean family names are currently in use, and the three most common (Kim, Lee, and Park) account for nearly half of the population.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_name

However, despite the huge proliferation of Kims and Lees in Korea, people carrying this surname are not necessarily related genetically, since they are divided by hundreds of bon-gwan (regional clans) – <http://www.ibtimes.com/kim-park-lee-why-do-koreans-have-so-few-surnames-1472324>

Rape as an instrument of terror and ethnic re-alignment/cleansing happened frequently throughout history and is happening in the middle east and Africa at an alarming rate today. My ‘understanding’ of the Bible indicates that the Hebrews may have instead mostly genocide to change facts on the ground but I'm no expert. The whole sick phenom reminds me a little of what happens when a pride of lions is taken over by new ‘pride males.’ The new males kill the existing cubs since they’re not theirs, which brings the females back in the season and willing to mate again. What happens with the human race is even more atrocious and obviously based on conscious criminality more than instinct. Does that mean we should turn society over to the control of women? I don't think so but it does mean we should fight this horrible crime against women.

Is it wrong to assume that many millions of people are descendants of despotic rapists like Genghis Khan and others and might they have inherited some of their sick ancestor’s traits? Does the propensity of human rights violations in certain parts of the world have anything to do with the above... of course not you say.

Dogs (Mans Beast Friend!)

People are always trying to get my dog in a fight that I don't want him in...

Dreams and Sleep

Dreamland

“We all end in the ocean, We all start in the streams, We're all carried along By the river of dreams”... Billy Joel

Driving, miss Daisy

In driving as in life, I'm as guilty as those I criticize, at the moment, it's the guy driving at different speeds. If he doesn't have cruise I guess it's OK, otherwise it's back-and-forth I can't get around and I can't stay behind!

Driving behind old people's tough...I respect them and I don't want to tailgate but it's kind of like being in a 'sleeper hold' ☺

Surprisingly there're lots of good drivers out there...it's a bell curve like anything else, unfortunately at the moment I'm not dealing with a good I'm dealing with the dill weed, which is probably what he thinks I am.

Watch and stay out of blind spots, yours and theirs, know that they'll crop up at the most inopportune times and if a sign says "dangerous intersection" know that it's there for a reason.

It's weird, my peripheral vision's missed three black cars in this morning all of which could've been a crash, I've even had my coffee.... it's time to see an eye doctor.

One of the bad things about driving is when you meet up with someone whose cruise control is on same speed as yours. You're neck and neck, nobody can get away from the other and we end up in a blind spot dead heat, or just look at each other.

Sometimes it's nice to audibly thank a driver who's done something nice. This one used their turn signal in advance so I had a chance to make my getaway before oncoming traffic prevented it.

Drugs, Alcohol and Addiction

"You take your pension, loneliness and alcohol"... Billy Squire

Actually Bill, we often *kind of* get rooked into that... don't we?

I'm trying to quit sugar and TV, especially the evening news, because together they're making me a couch potato... I've already begun 'withdrawing' but tonight we're eating Mexican so I may have a margarita cause it's a 'special occasion' ☺

Addicts like to say ex-addicts are the worst hypocrites, which can be true or false... an ex can also be an addicts best friend and point to the path to wellness...broad generalizations just don't work.

"What do we do with a drunken sailor, What do we do with a drunken sailor earlie in the morning... whey, hey up she rises, whey, hey up she rises, whey, hey up she rises earlie in the morning"...unknown

"Johnny died one day, died in his bed, bottle of whiskey, sleeping tablets by his head. Johnny's life passed him by like a warm summer day, if you listen to the wind you can still hear him play"...Bad Company

Economics

Does your country have an economy or a d-economy and if it's a d-economy, do you expect other countries to prop it up?

Education

“Hey teacher leave those kids alone”... Pink Floyd

Really? I don't think we want teachers to leave the kids alone, we just don't want them screwing with them...community standards should be the measuring stick. Meanwhile back at the wall, some people want us to be just *a brick in the wall* and if you try doing something else they call you every name in the book and if that doesn't work try their best to ruin you.

“Should I try to be a straight ‘A’ student, if you are then you think too much”... Billy Joel

Ego

End of Days

'If you're in a poker game and don't know who the sucker is, it's probably you'... Thomas Friedman

“I've started out for God knows where, I guess I'll know when I get there”... Tom Petty

Even if three quarters of the earth's population is killed, as long as the good guys win it will be worth it for the religionists who vote for and happen to survive the Mega-death.

Hal's probably very sad that two thirds of the Jews will die in the end days and probably wouldn't support policies leading to that... *unless* such policies advance his interpretation of the Bible. Hal and company want to be on the right side of; history, truth and most importantly God and they'll do their best to make sure the prophecies come true. Their opinion may be that they will be doing their best to save as many Jews as possible. Meanwhile back at the temple I think the Jewish people know this and are trying to do what's best for themselves.

I know people who swear up-and-down that prophecy's true and the end of the world will happen pretty much as Hal and the boys say it will. It does kind of look that way and they

want to be on the right and winning team and seeing things in black-and-white makes doing what has to be done a little easier...maybe they have other reasons too.

Jewish intellectuals and activists play a strange game by criticizing some US actions in the Middle East but also overtly or otherwise supporting US intervention in that region. The Jewish people may be in a predicament as IMO they seemingly play both sides of the argument. If they end up in the situation that Mr. Lindsey predicts, it may have something to do with dreams, visions or back of the envelope calculations from 2000 years ago.

So I spend Monday morning analyzing the analyzers instead of analyzing the Colts game unlike some people, watching the highlights is good enough for me. If anybody can prevent the apocalypse it's probably the Jewish people, but those ancient writing have inspired quite a potent force in the form of Americans and Europeans who embrace the ancient texts and demand their fulfillment. This force for God's justice had no ancient grudge to settle, like the Arabs, so they loved the Gospel with its message of love, disaster for unbelievers and final victory for the good guys.

"Superman where are you now
When everything's gone wrong somehow
The men of steel, the men of power
Are losing control by the hour"... Genesis

"All you've got is this moment 21st century's yesterday"...INXS

"Sun is cold and rain is hot"... CCR

EVolution - Poohvolution

Pardon me for asking but are we naked, talking apes and are we more like killer chimps, peaceful bonobos or a lot like both?

I wonder if we're evolving more slowly than we used to? For the last 5,000 years we've probably modified the world more than its modified us.

I'd be more inclined to believe in creationism if evolution hadn't had billions of years to 'work' and if humans hadn't advanced somewhat gradually from the; stone, bronze, iron and currently space age. This isn't to say I disbelieve in a God that has 'something to do with it'... I just don't believe in the fundamentalist 10,000 year old earth version of history.

Environment

Experience

Faith

They say everything happens for a reason but is it like a tree falling in the forest? Does someone have to be there for an event to have meaning?

Family Matters!

"But it pleases me to help thee son"... Friendly Persuasion

There are strangers friends and loved ones who don't have it together but want others to take care of them. We're instructed to do so but I wonder how far we should go? We're pretty much told it's not our call whether or not to decide if they're playing us, that's God's department and I agree. That being said, I'd rather 'train them', than have them 'train me.' If I give rides, money or whatever till the cows come home, then I'll never make it home myself. Unless someone has no hands or feet, I think we need to encourage, enable and ultimately compel people to do things for themselves. Compelled doesn't mean beaten, it means no work, no food... people decide their own fate. I realize that God not us is the judge but if there's no vetting process, the chaff can smother the wheat and the truly needy are pushed aside by the strong, as we see all over the world when food is distributed by aid workers from trucks etc.

Some will call that miserly and some might say I risk going to hell or invoking bad karma if I don't give as generously as they want me to and to the charities they like but I'd prefer to determine the extent of my generosity instead of having others determine it for me. They also warned me that I should go more than a few extra miles for others, because among other reasons, someday I'll need similar help and I don't disagree...however I think the choice is still mine and their choice is still theirs. IMO my opinion it's not worth living life the way others tell you to...do what you want and think is right and let me do the same.

We call some people pills and others pillars of society but the pillar can be a puller of wool over our eyes. This isn't so much a criticism of anyone as it's an acknowledge that we're all human.

Far as I can tell the only ones that don't blame us for anything wrong in their lives are our parents... guess I'm no different and so it goes.

Throughout history there's been an expectation almost a contract between generations that the next generation will make babies and keep the line going. Maybe that's going to far but I don't think there's anything wrong with wanting grandchildren. If my kids don't want to have any that's okay...it's up to them.

I want to do you right but my ideas and yours are often different but I think we agree neither of us wants charity for or from the other...

I would like to have grandkids and think a 100 generations of our ancestors would too but hear it's unimportant, overrated, or selfish to ask your kids to have kids. I beg to differ but realized I must accept their decisions...so far I'm not asking, just hoping.

Honor your father and mother, value their counsel but don't be ruled by them.

A couple of relatives have insulted me for years so instead of considering them loved ones, I consider them *tolerated ones*. One of them thinks it's funny and just 'what guys do'... I'm not sure what's wrong with the other one. I may be guilty of the same behavior and hope I can overcome it the next time the urge to insult or put someone down comes over me.

Several people I should love frequently insult me, so instead of loved ones, they're 'tolerated ones.' They might think it's funny and I've even heard it explained as 'what guys do when they get together.' There's some truth to that and I'm probably guilty of the same behavior, so the next time I get the urge to insult someone I hope to refrain...caveat... some of these folks are pretty funny.

Giving everything to the kids is a dicey subject that we don't seem to agree on. The real boogie man is likely to be Medicaid and the IRS, so our strategy should be to legally shelter assets. I'd love to leave \$1 million each a kid but no more than that (even if I could) and maybe leave it in the form of a family foundation. They wouldn't be able to spend it all at once to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams but a bank might lend them money based on it.

"And these children that you spit on it they go about their world are immune to your consultations, they're quite aware what they're going through"... David Bowie (hmmm)

Fear

"Don't believe in fear

Don't believe in pain

Don't believe in anyone

That you can't tame"... Garbage

Read more: <http://artists.letssingit.com/garbage-lyrics-stupid-girl-4jhxh33#ixzz3yecHVdVL>

LetsSingIt - Your favorite Music Community Speak your mind? I've been warned & been punished for it but never rewarded, despite teachers telling me that's what our country's all about.

Fecal Matters (Too)☺

Walked in our bathroom, I realized I could learn to smell the difference between male and female sweat, pee and poop but not from a mile away like some animals☺

Take care of your sphincters in your sphincters will take care of you ☺

Feelings

Foibles

The people who I think talk too much and listen to little think the same of me...maybe we're both right. To those who talk too much I sometimes feel like saying shut up... not in a bad way, but shut up and let someone else talk! ☺

Like clay we're formable, like glass we're breakable.

"When you're a hammer everything looks like a nail"... does that mean that when you're a nail everything looks like a hammer?

Founding Father

The founding fathers could handle criticism... I don't recall any of them saying if you disagree with me you're going to hell. Some people say that's because they weren't God and I reply that's right they never claimed to be.

Food and Drink

"Lately I've been buying the generic brand of wax beans... tear off the label and I can hardly tell the difference" -Newman

To quit refined sugar I need to realize that it's a; delicious, addictive, mildly poison substance, devoid of nutritional value and almost never useful to consume, especially if you have a family history of diabetes...

To a significant degree there are no flavors other than; salt, sweet, sour, bitter and maybe MSG? Everything else is more or less a substrate for these, some substrates are better than others, but you need to add the flavors or your meal is likely to be bland. It's kind of like a

beautiful face is to some extent a pallet and the skillful application of makeup makes it a lot more beautiful.

I'm not trying to waste food nor trying to finish everything in the refrigerator before it goes bad. That's not my job and when we were told to 'clean our plates' because there were starving children in the world, it did nothing to help them... it just made us fat.

Forgiveness

Freedom and Free Speech

"Free speech is protected, hate speech isn't"... Protesters at Trump rally... So who gets to defines hate speech?

In a fair society there should be neither protected or unprotected classes of people, everyone should be equal, no one should have special rights or limited rights.

There are people who will fight for your rights and people who'll fight to take your rights... don't aid and abet the latter. We may be doing it already and due to the wool over our eyes either not know it, or due to other reasons not care.

Are you a protector of First Amendment rights or are you a protector of a status quo? If you're going to threaten people for saying something inappropriate, will you define that for us?

If you've been given the training and developed the skills, will you protect or bully? Will you protect certain people and rights, or protect the same rights for everyone? If you place personal beliefs above the Constitution you're no can no longer protect it. You have the right to defend your personal beliefs above those of the Republic but when you do, you're no longer on the side of the people, you're only on the side of your people. If we're arriving at that point, it may be time to separate into communities with constitutions that the people of those communities want. Our country is so large that it might split at least in half or may crumble into many pieces. Space is the place where we may find the space necessary to avoid those we fundamentally disagree with and God willing meet on neutral ground to trade and conduct business if both so desire, while living in communities of somewhat like-minded individuals.

It can be hard to be vocal when you truly are 'an army of one' and I don't mean the kind in the commercial. Talking bout when you're invited to state your opinion, then criticized by everyone in the room for not sharing theirs. You're called devil's advocate, traitor, idiot or worse. So why be surprised if he keeps his mouth shut? Officially where told it's

honorable to state your opinion no matter what it is but in practice you rarely change minds, instead you anger the group and some make it their mission to undermine and punish you. Not saying outliers should remain mute but they should be aware of the consequences, weigh the benefits and choose their venues accordingly.

Are these statements compatible? 'Live free or die' and 'live and let live.'

They are braver and stronger than me and I appreciate them protecting my right to free-speech, unless I have to say what they want to hear, in which case why bother?

You should have the right to tell people they're going to hell for not believing like you but not to hasten their departure. The same goes for those who say, 'a rat is a pig is a dog is a boy.' They should have the right to say it but society's a bastard if it lets people kill humans be they fetal or born.

Freedom of Association

Everyone should be able to; marry, vote, deal, worship, live or associate with any man or woman, of any race, color or creed they want to... and everyone should also have the freedom not to be 'compelled' to do any of these things...

How do I decide who I want to associate with? I have a basket of criteria just like the World Bank has a basket of currencies... this includes things I can mention, like what comes out of their mouth and things I can't mention in front of the PC police. I think those who dislike me use a similar system but may not admit it.

When I say the right to associate with 'people like you' it's doesn't mean people who necessarily look or act like you it's people but they might. It means people who tend to relate to you better and probably think and act a little more like you than some others. The same should apply to everyone who wants the freedom to associate with people they're comfortable with and to not be coerced, manipulated or engineered into associating with people they're uncomfortable with or diametrically opposed to. This doesn't mean completely avoiding each other unless that's one's choice, it means greater freedom over such matters than the earthly princes want us to have. It also hopefully means you don't hate or feel superior to others, just that you want to have the right to associate with who you want and not be forced to associate with anyone.

I wouldn't want to be forced to associate with people who constantly tell me I'm going to hell, or to live next to people who call me a racist because I don't think I owe anyone reparations. Nor would I expect them to have to associate with me. Call me crazy but at least one of the above isn't a moot point and the other might not be for long...

Freedom of Thought

Freedom of and/or From Religion

“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing... to choose one’s attitude” — Viktor Frankl

Freedom of association is closely intertwined with freedom of religion. If you don't want to worship or closely associate with people who have *oppositional* beliefs and vice versa you and they shouldn't have to. If people agree they want to associate and worship together its fine but if one or both don't want to they should not be compelled to, or to support financially or otherwise somebody else's beliefs. This means Ucgr is and will always be small and probably illegal because, yes it allows people to be discriminating in their beliefs instead of minions.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, the churches that believe in complete inclusiveness versus freedom of association grow larger and more domineering by the day. That's fine because their goal is to rule, be victorious, convert and *save souls* via dogmas that tell us how it is and how it will be...freedom and tolerance may be preached but it's control and dominance that's practiced.

Friends, Romans, Countrymen (Lend me your...)

If it can be messed up it will be, I'm thinking of someone in particular but it applies to all of us.

How can I know anything about freinds when I have trouble even spelling it right ☺

Is he my best friend, my good friend or just my friend? To a considerable extent I'm finding that think a friend's a friend...and that's it...to expect more is usually disappointing.

The problem isn't that my friend misunderstood me, it's that he didn't...that's what really pissed him off...sorry, I didn't mean to upset you.

When I see friends relatives strangers struggling with everything under the sun, I realize that *but for the grace of God there go I...* so after saying amen and God help them, what do we do next?

The gloves are off on Facebook and friends are trading jabs and uppercuts vis-à-vis the death of an icon. I'm opting out even if indirectly I may have a dog in the fight. On the other hand it seems to be a core issue for at least one of you.

If I have any role in this it will be as an arbitrator. You and your buddy are passionate and maybe uncompromising on this subject. Your other friends should encourage both of you to show restraint until time allows for more measured conversation. We've all seen arguments go south resulting in broken friendships, it's usually a shame... especially when you've been friends for so many years.

'Too much time on your hands' and worse is what they say but they love getting their hands on your money, telling you how it should be spent and quite confident they're doing 'God's work.'

GAY

Ellen's acted surprised to be awarded humanitarian of the year again because she's, 'just doing what we're supposed to do, treat each other with respect.' It's a given that we should treat each other with respect but I see her as cunning and masterfully deceitful as usual. She's shrewd and lewd and her advancement of the gay agenda under her various and *hilarious* disingenuous guises is designed to pull the wool over the eyes of everyone... youth in particular. It's one thing for her to want equality, it's another to agitate through humor and sarcasm for special privileges and status for gays. Side note; I have nothing against gays but won't use LGBT anymore and will simply call a gay a gay... LGBT is less an acronym for a group of oppressed people than a ploy for greater power and legitimacy then they deserve. Equal okay, special no!

A lesbian couple is trying to adopt a foster child but a Utah judge wants to give the child to heterosexual couple. The judge said studies say children are better off being raised by hetro parents but the CNN legal analyst pundit says *all the studies* say LGBT parents are every bit as good as hetro parents. The anchor woman, who says she's a child advocate agrees with the analyst whole-heartedly and says the judges action really upsets her...I guess the judge is reading different studies. I think community standard should prevail but money talks even if it's coming from NY, Atlanta, LA or where ever CNN's masters live. The problem with community standards is that a powerful, moneyed elite in control or at least with great influence over the federal government and media can change community standards via advertising, TV news/entertainment programing or simply by executive order. I have a dog in this fight because I think heterosexuality should prevail over homosexuality in this case, unless no reasonably 'well-adjusted' hetro parents can be found. I agree that equal treatment for LGBT's is important but that the locals should determine what that means and the feds should stay out of it unless LGBT's are at risk of violence or dispossession... unfortunately or not big-money sees things differently.

Consequence for discrimination unless, life, limb or necessities of life are involved? You should lose the sale not go to jail...

Gandhi

Generation Gasp

“...there's a real square cat, he looks a 1974, Well, he looked at me once, he looked at me twice, look at me again and there's gonna be fight, We're gonna rock this town, We're gonna rip this place apart”...Stray Cats

Genius and Stupidity

Sometimes being stupid sucks and gets me in trouble, other times it seems I can get away with it... sometimes think I'm making a career of being a complete idiot, other times think it's just a bad day☺

There a thinkers, deep thinkers and non-thinkers... two out of three ain't bad ☺

To be as dumb as you think I am I'd have to screw up all the time... alas I only screw up most of the time.

There so many cultures, conditions and situations that it's impossible for anybody to know but a sliver of the world's knowledge. Some guys think they have women figured out but they only know the basics, just as someone who thinks he understands human nature can easily and unexpectedly be blindsided and thrown for a loop.

Is it a burden, responsibility, arrogance or something else to think you are chosen to manage earth's people? Are there conflicts of interest inherent in that belief?

Is it wisdom, folly or something else to think you must follow the instructions of those you've been told are chosen to lead mankind? I think it's wise to consider their advice but not to be cemented to it.

IMO Einstein was a genius, Isaac Newton... maybe. He noticed that what goes up must come down which is more of an observation than a discovery. Did he back that or anything else up with pages of mathematical equations? I believe that Einstein did.

I've said a lot of stupid things I can't take back... I thought even stupider things which only God heard...and maybe Google.

God

"Is Opra right, are you a big fat woman?"... Al Bundy

God and Religion

**Worship according to
the dictates of your
conscience but don't
assume you're right...
or others are
wrong.**

Be they presidents or common folk I have much greater respect for those who don't wear their religion on their sleeve, declare a 'team preference' and claim a patent on God. They do just as much good and less harm than those who crow and incite the people. This can be seen in every; religion, city, desert and mountain kingdom.

So who if anybody is the 'authorized' hammer of God? Is it any of those who claim to be? Beats me but they think you're a 'nail' lookout!

Always let God decide, but I'm not that means let the preacher decide...he might be going by his inner conscience, which is no better than yours.

The three great monotheistic religions... factional infighting from then till now. Started by one group which claimed to be chosen and which fought for power and survival then and now against historical ancient even prehistorical rivals the Arabs, later the fray was joined by non-middle-easterners, primarily Europeans... and the beat down goes on.

Shrouds, arks, 'superiority', old or young earth, resurrection, ancient gods, messiahs, teams, nations and religions. I'm not sure what's true or *exactly* what matters but some things must matter. We should study, debate, pray, get involved and tolerate everyone who's peaceful and veto evil which usually comes in the form of murder, rape and thievery.

I think one of the major differences between Christianity and Islam is that as far as I know Christians are not allowed to kill people who won't convert, in Islam, I'm not sure but think they may be according to some interpretations. Despite this, I think as many people have been killed by Christians as by any other religion although a certain and *maybe* a large number of those deaths have been due to defensive "operations." It seems to me that our true nature rarely changes even when people claim to have been born again, unfortunately on some level we're still self-centered 'primitives', who almost at the drop of the hat and despite all the fancy talk will kill or order/vote for the troops to kill for us. Very few follow Jesus precisely and I've seen as many Christian bullies as Muslim bullies.

Golden Rule 0.1

Good and Evil, US and Them...

There're two kinds of people in this world... those who've 'been caught' and those who haven't.

Watching the report about two young women attacked by Pit Bulls and being saved from death by a woman who drove into the field to rescue them, makes me realize there are angels out there as well as irresponsible people whose actions or inactions cause harm to others.

I believe in pure evil and pure good I just don't believe that humans on an individual, corporate or national basis are capable of just one or the other... we're somewhere in between and so are our countries... albeit some more than others.

Guess I'm a borderline Christian because even after Easter Sunday sometimes I like the messages of Aesop and others better than the gospel. I don't think Aesop's had a huge following or media machine for thousands of years and he's managed to hang in there despite no scare tactics or revisionist history... just saying.

Gossip

Government

Go ahead and relinquish control, turn it over to those who are demanding it. That's what our forefathers fought against and what you're submitting to I will not.

Granny Nanny State

Greed

Green Acres!

After replanting the rose I learned that a thorn in the foot's a pain in the neck ☺

A thorn in the foot can also be a pain in the ass...

Groupthink

Guilt

“And endless red tape to keep the truth confined”... Muse

They say the *principle* ‘do no harm’ isn’t good enough and your *credo* must at least be ‘do good.’ I agree that's a great credo, except for when ‘doing good’ leads to sticking one's nose where doesn't belong to the detriment of everyone. Of course some have figured out what’s truly good and are glad to tell you all about it, including what you should be doing and if you beg to differ you're a bad guy. Anyway ‘do good’ is a fantastic slogan but do no harm isn't too bad either. The problem arises when the do-gooders decide that it’s a good idea to send tanks into someone’s neighborhood... because they’re good and the other guys aren’t and won’t listen to them.

Happiness

“When everything feels all over

Everybody seems unkind

I'll give you a four leaf clover

Take all worry out of your mind”...The Who

Is everyone happy or is no one happy? More realistically, is everyone happy sometimes and no one happy all the time? Reminds me of the Abe Lincoln quote on “fooling some of the people some of the time...”

Homo habilis (aka "Handy-man")

It’s another do-it-yourself Saturday. What will I learn and will it be the hard way?
... of course it will but sometimes a minor accident prevent a major one.

Haters, Sickos and Sociopaths

Healing and health

It's the holiday season and the germs are jumping, from me to you and from you to the next victim... they just want in on the party!

Whether it's hit by a bus or death by 1,000 cuts, mother nature and father time eventually get their way.

Influenza pandemic of 1918/19 up to 100,000,000 people died worldwide in less than a year...

Heaven

"I reach to the sky

And call out your name

And if I could trade, I would

And it feels and it feels like

Heaven's so far away"...The Offspring

In heaven nobody snores and everyone has good teeth... they say hell's a place of; woe, wailing and gnashing of teeth... bad teeth and no sleep, yikes!

"If we could have the best of both worlds, we'd have heaven right here on earth, woo!"...Van Halen

Hell

Even the strongest men fear hell. They want heaven but like most people would settle for a nice, long permanent rest but according to the religionists that's not how it works. Nobody wants hell and that's where they *get us*. That's why we're scared, and one of the reasons we kill for our; faith, country, king or president. Even though near death experiences generally refute the religionists line of thinking, I wouldn't expect many of those strong men to change their opinions, or admit their fears.

Not sure if the devil's in the detail, a real 'entity', or somewhat a matter being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Heresy

I don't see myself as challenging God, I see myself as challenging the people who claim to have a patent on Him.

It's logical that Jesus and/or his 'biographers' warned about false prophets... among other things, there were earlier, or contemporary competitors who needed to be 'dealt with.' These may have included Simon of Perea ... and/or other 'messiahs' like Juda... not Judas. The Jewish historian Josephus reportedly mentioned Simon and the writing on the "Gabriel Stone" that may predate Jesus and refers to a resurrection after three days are cases in point.

Dare I say, a 'liberal' sprinkling of psychobabble mixed with horrendous threats. Thoughts and writings that are at the same time enticing and compelling yet contradictory and probably not as original as we taught to believe. There's something for everyone be they liberal or conservative and the threat of eternal punishment is quite a clincher.

Increasingly I prefer the; Founding Fathers, Aesop, Gandhi and Buddha over Jesus and the patriarchs of the Bible. Which isn't to say I despise the latter, I 'just' consider them unlikely to be right about every single thing, which it seems they and their followers fervently claim to be the case. On the bright side, Christianity in general allows you to be punished in the afterlife vs. murdering you now as some other religions may espouse... on the dark side, there's a cohort within the church that will gladly kill for the faith at the drop of a hat...they consider themselves the honor guard and the broader church either doesn't much care to reign them in or finds them *useful* at times.

Heroes

"I can show you spears, a banner, caparisons for horses, and other military rewards, besides the scars of wounds on my breast. These are my statues; this is my nobility; honors, not left like theirs, by inheritance, but acquired amid innumerable toils and dangers"...
Roman General Caius Marius

Heroes are *appointed* depending on their devotion to a cause and every cause has them. Heroes are honored ranked in order of how much havoc they've created or and how much they've defended their group's cause...

One soldier might be considered; cowardly, traitorous or mentally ill for not obeying 'orders' to kill people, another who kills people on command is a hero... it usually doesn't matter if the cause's good, bad or indifferent... not wonder peace is a rare commodity.

History

History repeats and the person you call 'on the wrong side' today might clean your clock tomorrow...

Holidays

It's Thanksgiving, they say it's better to give than to receive and I agree but wonder if sharing's as good as giving? If those you're giving to are irresponsible, unwilling to help themselves, or even intent on usurping, replacing or destroying you, then flat out charity is the same as giving them a rope to hang you with.

I know we're heading home cause a certain song's replaced the one I've been stuck on the whole vacation...it's not my theme song, just one that spends lots of time in my head.

If I'm going to go on vacation somewhere where they hate Americans, I'd rather it be in America than somewhere else ☺

According to the Census Bureau \$600 million of Christmas ornaments were imported from China a few years ago and it's probably over a billion by now. I'm not surprised especially considering that Christmas is celebrated commercially by just about everyone, including most of the devout who also celebrate December 25th as Jesus's birthday... which many scholars say was really around the month of April... hmmm.

I can be sick of certain people and certain things or I can remember it's Christmas and try to love everyone...I think that's what I'll do.

I like Christmas not that we sweep its pagan roots under the rug. If you're going make a point of it being all about Jesus, why don't you celebrate it in April when he most likely was born and why do you decorate evergreen trees like the Babylonian's who worshipped Baal supposedly did... and Santa Clause... well that's a horse of a different color but like Jesus he sees you when you're sleeping and he knows when you've been good or bad so be good for goodness sake.

Hollywood

(Un) Holy Wars

If German soldiers weren't Christians why were they buried with crosses over their graves instead of swastikas? I agree they were hijacked by the Nazis but like it or not, in Europe arguably this was another war between Christians...

"Can I get another Amen? (Amen!) There's a flag wrapped around a score of men"...
Green Day

Home Improvement

Hometown...

Homosexuality

Household Matters

I just pushed a jigger under the dish drainer while trying to get it and of course it got pushed farther underneath. Kind of like when I reach for something under the bed, or car and accidentally push it further under so that I have to crawl to reach it. These are the minor frustrations of life that in a way make the world go around... and then you die☺

Things show up in my closet so wear them... it's like manna from heaven but I don't look as good.

Human Nature

A study shows that humans form groups based on anything from religion to neighborhoods and we prefer ours to any others. The study says we quickly begin to view the other groups as threats, which might be a survival thing. What the study may not have addressed is if we can or should change this behavior and whether or not in this day and age its destructive more than constructive.

Sometimes I think I'm just a life-support system for gonads, or for my digestive track and taste buds... usually I think there's more to it than that☺

Most people do good things and some not so good things but they mistake the fact that they good do some good things with being right all the time.

Ever notice, the more people talk, the less they say☺

Everyone I know is pissed off about something be it; immigration, Isis, global warming or something else and the solution is always - twist their arm, poke them in the eye or drop a bomb on their house...

Some people are very good at remembering but not so good at reasoning, others are just the opposite... good luck to everyone!

You may think you're doing your share but guess what the other person thinks? In their heart of hearts, most people also think their causes are more important than anyone else's...

Common sense is great but it's application is complicated by the fact that one person's common sense views may not jive with another person's... in fact they might clash violently. Common sense isn't always objective, it can be as subjective as anything else and depending on one's worldview etc. mine may not be the same as yours...I suppose that makes common ground just as important as common sense.

Humility...

Humility? That's quite a concept. I think it's quite rare and the genuine kind even rarer... don't look at me☺

Pride and humility intersect when the proud are humbled... it doesn't mean they were overly proud or *bad*, they were probably very good people who came upon hard times.

If you can't be humble at least try to be polite...don't brag about your victories or pine about your setbacks... no one really cares ☺

Think I'll follow the Guru's lead and call myself a "a world famous humanitarian"... heck it's a free country☺

Hypocrisy

Idealism

Idealism's about ideology because under it you can lump; religion, nationalism environmentalism, atheism, etc... they're all *isms* and *ologies*.

People, religions and nationalists 'harp' because their views aren't universally accepted... if they were they could stop...

Immigration

Responsible people tend to only have as many children as they can support, irresponsible or people with an agenda to usurp other have as many children as the target society will finance for them... it is wrong and stupid for the members of a society to allow themselves to be replaced in such a manner. The 'brain trust' may tell them that it's charitable or necessary for the economy because the existent people have too low a birthrate, but to solve the problem by allowing immigration of untold numbers of peoples who plan not to assimilate but to eventually overwhelm and dominate is absurd.

I think Middle Eastern migrants should stay in their region and change it for the better instead of moving to the western world and generally making it worse. Sorry but even some of the Muslims I know and love seem to express religious intolerance and though some of my Christian friends and loved ones also express religious intolerance they seem to allow for things like the right to change your religions...I'm not sure my Muslim friends agree.

This came to mind while listening to the song, 'Feed the World' by the group Band Aid back in 1984 (what timing.) Feeding the world is all fine and good until you can't feed them anymore because many are having babies that they can't support at a rate that eventually overwhelms the altruists resources. I know there are extenuating circumstances but they're also groups that seem to use the charity of others as a strategy to take over altruistic societies and turn them from welfare states into a state of welfare.

In the 30's immigrants had to prove they wouldn't be 'public charges', meaning requiring government assistance before being *allowed in*. Emma Lazarus' words on the Statue of Liberty which she wrote to raise money for statue's pedestal should be re-examined. We are letting an activist's world view dictate our immigration policy to the detriment to our country. That quote though nice, is not beyond reproach and represents another brick in wall that's teetering over our lifeboat. Why not have a more intelligent immigration policy aka strategy? It may be because we're such a uniquely great nation and there's nothing wrong with accepting, "the wretched refuse of your teeming shore" within reason maybe there should be a better thought out policy... just saying.

Infinity, Eternity...

Instinct

Intervention

Irony

Japan

If I have to justify the way I make a living, I'd say I live off the fat of Japan. At the same time I can't and won't attempt to justify anything they did in World War II. Neither do I think it's entirely reasonable for some Americans to deem it okay for our companies to sell products and build plants all over the world but consider it wrong for other companies to build plants here so they can sell in our market. I consider the latter the lesser of two evils and Japan has built hundreds of plants in the U.S. creating thousands of jobs. It would be better for those plants to be American owned but if we can build plants overseas why shouldn't Japanese, Europeans or anyone else have the right to build plants here? IMO the biggest problem for workers in this country is factory automation and that's unlikely to go away. As usual those who are critical of the way I make money have no problem working for me, or in other ways spending my tainted money. Maybe they're 'righting my wrongs', doing God's bidding, paying their bills, or in their minds doing all three.

Other than Japan in the U.S.A., what other country has built enough plants in another country to create millions of jobs? Well maybe the U.S. and Japan have done that in China too.



Jefferson, Thomas...

From Thomas Jefferson to Ezra Stiles Ely, 25 June 1819

Monticello June 25. 19. Your favor Sir. of the 14th has been duly received, and with it the book you were so kind as to forward to me. For this mark of attention be pleased to accept my thanks. The science of the human mind is curious, but it is one on which I have not indulged myself in much speculation. The times in which I have lived, and the scenes in which I have been engaged have required me to keep the mind too much in action to have leisure to study minutely its laws of action. I am therefore little qualified to give an opinion on the comparative worth of books on that subject, and little disposed to do it on any book. yours has brought the science within a small compass and that is a merit of the 1st order; and especially with one to whom the drudgery of letter writing often denies the leisure of reading a single page in a week. On looking over the summary of the contents of your book, it does not seem likely to bring into collision any of those sectarian differences which you suppose may exist between us. in that branch of religion which regards the moralities of life, and the duties of a social being, which teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to do good to all men, I am sure that you & I do not differ. We probably differ on that which relates to the dogmas of theology, the foundation of all sectarianism, and on which no two sects dream alike; for if they did they would then be of the same. you say you are a Calvinist. I am not. I am of a sect by myself, as far as I know. I am not a Jew: and therefore do not adopt their theology, which supposes the god of infinite justice to punish the sins of the fathers upon their children, unto the 3d and 4th generation: and the benevolent and sublime reformer of that religion has told us only that god is good and perfect, but has not defined him. I am therefore of his theology, believing that we have neither words nor ideas adequate to that definition. and if we could all, after his example, leave the subject as undefinable, we should all be of one sect, doers of good & eschewers of evil. No doctrines of his lead to schism. It is the speculations of crazy theologists which have made a Babel of a religion the most moral and sublime ever preached to man, and calculated to heal, and not to create differences. These religious animosities I impute to those who call themselves his ministers, and who engraft their casuistries on the stock of his simple precepts. I am sometimes more angry with them than is authorized by the blessed charities which he preached. To yourself I pray the acceptance of my great respect. TH. Jefferson

I'm not comparing myself to Tom but if he was a Christian then maybe I am too. Not sure he'd care if he was called one or not...

Jihad and Crusade

Judging each Other

I'm not saying _____ crazy, just saying _____ nuts ☺

It's probably just me but 'judge not, lest ye be judged', like 'though shalt not kill', often seems to be nothing more than window dressing and fancy talk...

To be considered a disturbed individual is not a badge of honor but in today's society neither is it a disgrace.

We all judge each other using different criteria, I may judge you by your looks and you may judge me by the look on my face... I think we're both wrong.

A lot of our problems are
caused by trying to be
something we're not...
but that shouldn't conflict
with the 'sky's the limit.'

Karma

"Now it's just a matter of waiting for it to blow up in my face, then circle around and bite me in the ass"... Alan Harper

Karma, grace call it whatever you want... you can go around making amends and repenting for every little screw up, like *forgetting* to wash your hands, or you can try to do better next time☺

LGBT (see Gay)

Language, Buzzwords and "New speak"

What does crossing paths really mean? Maybe more than one thing...

Don't make your Christianity... Christian-vanity.

Anyone else remembers when the word fink was common? Don't fink on me etc.

"So be it" means about the same as "it is what it is"... when it comes back in style I'll say it.

Sent from my iPhone

Law and Order

Leaders

Love

Don't worry and speculate about whether or not your lover or spouse is judging you. IMO they are and that's not as bad as it sounds. You may get Agape love from Jesus but the seeming Agape love from your lover or spouse is likely to be somewhat conditional and if you start blowing things right and left, that Agape love dwindles on the vine. Just do your best to be a good mate, pull your weight and chances are you'll get the love you need.

The only one in this world who cuts us any slack is our mom and she cuts us way too much...

Is anyone capable of agape love other than God? Mom's might come the closest... but even hers may be slightly conditional, or contractual in some sense. What about God's agape love... are there any conditions, strings etc.? If so I think they're well worth it.

Loyalty and Trust

If you're loyalty, extra effort and trust goes to someone who guilts, dis's, takes advantage and puts you down you're making a big mistake. That person is holding you back and deserves only basic courtesy and the time of day, unless and until they change their ways. It doesn't matter how popular, powerful or charismatic they are.

Don't put yourself or others down, leave that to the professionals... aka assholes.

Machismo

Masters of the Universe

"Davos brings together the world's real decision makers. If you want a back stage pass to what's really going on in the world its Davos"... Andrew Ross Sorkin

Another funny follow, 'Masters of the Universe' right after the 'Machismo' chapter...

Hereditary wealth buys the media, legal system, politicians and determines government policy, eventually enslaving us by circus, cake and velvet handcuffs.

Princely class ruling our lives? I don't like it but maybe it's the natural order of things... what's your opinion?

McLife

“I beg to dream and differ from the hollow lies, this is the dawning of the McRest of our lives”... Green Day (modified)

“It's the end of McWorld as we know it and I feel fine”... REM modified

Hey it's McWeekend!

Manifest Destiny

Marriage, Women and Wives (another chapter adam and eve-n

“God he created them; male and female he created them”...The Bible

“Not too skinny, she's not too fat, She's a real humdinger and I like it like that, She's the devil with the blue dress on...good golly Miss Molly!”...Mitch Ryder and the Detroit wheels

“So I'll be there when you arrive, the sight of you will prove to me I'm still alive”... Abba

“Call me, call me, call me – call me anytime, Call me, call me, call me – call me for some overtime”... Blondie

“I'm a bitch, I'm a lover, I'm a child, I'm a mother, I'm a sinner, I'm a saint, I do not feel ashamed, I'm your hell, I'm your dream, I'm nothing in between, You know you wouldn't want it any other way”... Alanis Morissette (Yikes Alanis!!!!)

“So slide over here and give me a moment your needs are so raw I've got to make you mine”... INXS

“Whos gonna pick you up when you fall, who's gonna hang it up when you call, who's gonna pay attention to your dreams, who's gonna plug their ears when you scream”... The Cars

I'm at ease/peace with the knowledge that I will never make my wife completely happy. I'm content to try to make her reasonably happy and hope to be successful in that capacity.

Her true, complete happiness and contentment if it ever occurs will come from other things in her life...

Ladies... I'm pretty sure they're from a different planet☺

Marriage never was and never will be a perfect institution but is it the best possible arrangement for living together and raising children... *maybe*.

They say it's better to be 'evenly yoked' but does that allow room for growth and can growth only be within the approved framework of the shared yoke?

If you're not going to have a family or a marriage because you look at ours and see how imperfect it is, just remember this I don't regret it for a second...

I'm really not wedded to it being the law of the land and think there should be freedom of choice on the matter... some people are into M&A and some aren't ☺

What do you think about women he asked me with women around? I won't wade into those waters I told him thinking to myself that I'd rather not be eaten by sharks. After all I've only been married 32 years and have a mother, sister, daughter, aunts and a niece... how should I know anything about women yet? ☺

Cheating? Not only would my intentions be bad, so would theirs... 'eye candy' like other sweets are best viewed but not eaten. They're usually overrated, disappointing and bad for your health.

IMO motherhood is one of the most important jobs in the world and that should translate into mom's receive great support but not control over society. Parental rights and responsibilities should not be adjudicated by a court system ultimately beholden to the greater voting power of women. The system shouldn't be overturned, it should be tweaked to make it better and fairer for everyone.

Things I do that irritate my wife...sing, hum and get blisters when we go for a walk☺

You might consider *employing* a sexual surrogate, or meet someone you like and have protected sex. Most men will walk away from a girl who's determined to hold out till marriage, so you might attract weirdos and holding out for Mr. or Ms. may prove to be a fool's errand. Most of the people championing virginity had sex in their teens...hmmm. Unless you want to live a lonely life I suggest you abandon the world of Cinderella. Sex is and always has been one of the most natural parts of life, those who desire you are not automatically pigs and you're not a slut for having sex unless you go overboard.

A good spouse might use everything at their disposal to keep a marriage intact. It's usually for the kids and might include; threats, intimidation and the law and whoever the law favors has the upper hand, which isn't a good thing? Monogamy may or may not be completely natural but it's good for children and all but extreme cases and the parent who strays usually does it for selfish, wrong-headed reasons and finds out the grass isn't greener on the other side of the fence. The same problems exist and the 'rewards' are fleeting at best. The 'object of affection' should at most remain an object of fascination and remain at least an arm's length away. Acting on our emotions damages or ruins families and usually find out that the object of our desire, tastes, smells and 'is' no better than our neglected 'original.'

(funny how stay and stray are only a letter apart)

Your people are much sweeter than mine but you do have that wicked streak, as in 'Hell have no fury...' and all that.

If you're a man sex is an obvious gift to be enjoyed, if you're a woman I'm not sure what it is, maybe a gift to be enjoyed, maybe a gift to give, maybe a means to an end, but from time immemorial it has been an integral part of life for humans and nothing to be ashamed of or to put off till tomorrow. The people telling you they wish they'd waited are; right, wrong, full of it or something else. The people telling you that Jesus wants you to wait are... well I don't know but I strongly advise you to get it done, find a mate and move on to the adult level of life... sorry to be so blunt but I'm just the messenger.

Interesting... she thinks I'm some kind of animal that needs regular exercise? Works for me ☺

Are threats, ultimatums and suspicion a normal part of marriage? If so, they fall into the category, "good times and bad." If they are rare and occasional it's 'okay'... but they don't strengthen the marriage.

"I've dreamt about you nearly every night this week... this tune I found makes me think of you somehow and I play it on repeat... the nights were mainly made for saying things that you can't say tomorrow day" ... Arctic Monkeys

"Who are you, what were you before, what did you do and what do you think? Here's looking at you kid!"... Rick Blaine (Casablanca)

"Put on thy bonnet, thy cape and glove for thee I love, thee I love"... Friendly Persuasion

"Did you do it for love, did you do it for money, did you do it for spite, did you think you had too honey?"... The Eagles

Meek Shall Inherit the Earth...

I'm sorry to say that in this reporter's opinion, women tend to encourage and promote vassal-don, be to king, queen or hive... subservience to the mighty and domination of the weak seems to be considered a reasonable trade. Men are not far behind in this department, accepting kings and queens but IMO men have a greater propensity for individual freedom, while women perhaps for practical reasons seem to prefer promises of security though it usually turns out to be false. The usual incarnations are income redistribution schemes that favor societal scammers and are advertised as protecting the meek... of which there's no such thing.

There's no such thing as 'meek' people that's an oxymoron, they're just downtrodden or biding their time.

A logical explanation would be that women are destined to inherit the earth but that's only the beginning of that discussion...

Our masters would have us believe they're helping the meek inherit the earth but they'll still hold the mortgage and a lien.

Messages

Messiahs

CS Lewis' famous quote that Jesus must be who he is or a crazy man has been popular for a long time. I think there might be other options and as time goes by those options *may* appear viable to more and more people. For example; aliens, artificial insemination etc.... in other words, things other than traditional dogma.

I like his message of love although I don't think it's unconditional by any stretch. I don't like the part about about 'giving away the farm' or eternal damnation for those who don't join the team. I don't have inside information and he "did" so do your own due diligence and if convinced you'd better join his team. The people I respect most; Jefferson, Adams, Washington, Galileo, Copernicus and so many others seem to have had minds of their own, unlike the dangerous sheeple I see all around me. So to Mr. C.S. Lewis I say you presented us with two options and insisted we chose one or the other... I say take a hike there may be more.

I'm still inclined to believe he piggybacked off; the old testament and other thinkers of his time not to mention Mithras and other cults.

I sometimes pray to him and occasionally worship him but usually think he's the historical Jesus, which means I seldom think he's who the fundamentalists say he is. That leaves me on the fence along with a few other guys who'd like to see the nail marks in his hands etc. Like the much derided doubting Thomas and others who are more respected like Thomas Jefferson, I'd love to know the truth but think it's more likely to come from archaeologists than evangelists...

If you're trying to become a messianic figure it's helpful to get yourself and perhaps those around you killed... if you 'just' hope to make the world 'a better place', then not so much. In the latter case you can opt for the Copernican model, which may allow you to succeed in making a contribution with minimal damage to yourself and those around you... maybe.

I believe there is power in the name of Jesus and don't know what the mechanism but am skeptical of what the church says. Is it psychological, is it similar to the power of cults that surrounded ancient Greek and Roman gods? I don't believe that he created the world in seven days, I think God created the world over billions of years and by natural processes. I believe in the historical Jesus and I'm skeptical of the magical one written about in the Bible... so I guess the church would not call me a Christian.

Just saying I'm skeptical of a scenario where Jesus came to earth about 10,000 years ago and created the world, the oceans, the mountains, the animals and Adam and Eve. Seems more plausible to me that he was a rabbi/holy man who 'improved' and built upon the traditional beliefs of his ancestors and his beliefs were proliferated and 'expounded' upon by his followers, especially Saul/Paul. Do you have to speak in tongues, and/or do this, that and the other thing or burn in hell? It seems to me a bizarre scenario that I'm not qualified to understand but I think everyone's allowed to have an opinion...

I believe in a historical Jesus who is somewhere in between with the Jews and Romans thought of him and what his followers thought of him. I think he was a man, not the God of the universe and not the God of this planet, which many of his followers would have us believe is only 10,000 years. Despite my doubts, I don't renounce my baptism in his name, or my asking him to be my savior. Most of his followers will say well that's all in vain and heresy ...whatever, I'll take Galileo, Copernicus and the founding fathers over his hard-core followers any day.

I asked Jesus to be my savior and was baptized but don't believe the earth's 10,000 years old, believe in evolution and don't speak in tongues, so more Christians think I'm going to hell than heaven... can't worry about pleasing people.

Middle East

I'd be wrong now (11/18/15) to say don't consider sending ground troops but I think years ago it wasn't wrong to say leave the Middle East to their own devices. So send ground troops if you want, I will support the troops more than ever but still don't know if it's the right thing to do and still wonder WWJD & WWWD? That's more important than WWOD or WWBD do etc. This powder keg may have been inevitable no matter what since they say 'it is written' and end of the world as we know it may be nigh but I still wonder is it the doing of man or God?

The Middle East? Everybody there *misbehaves* and to some degree's a *bad actor* except us and our *main ally* of course. I don't think we ever should've ever stepped foot there except maybe to trade goods and try to set a good example. Instead we've been involved for oil and religion (we won't admit it), but I'm told it's meant to be so we will see what happens.

Maybe as the pundits say terrorism's because they hate us or maybe it's for other reasons which I won't get into because it's a third rail. The Arabs I know seem as loving and kind as the Americans I know... do they have me fooled? I know what the Bible says about the offspring of Ishmael and it's not very nice but is it true? Desert dwelling people needed water to survive and it was in very short supply for the most part. This could lead to conservation, cooperation and particularly nasty responses to water thieves, leading to the evolution of people who could be very hospitable or terribly brutal...

Everyone seems to have me pegged and sometimes it's not very nice... I don't have anyone pegged but if I say I have understand them to some extent I'm overstepping my bounds.

Was the invasion of Iraq a good idea? I'm not particularly qualified to say but I do have an opinion and the right to express it. That's what I like about this place... let's keep it that way!

Everything in the Middle East was going along swimmingly, a few countries; stoned gays and adulteresses, mutilated women's genitals, lopped off the occasional head as well as thieving hands. Then Israel came along and got them all in a huff. The slow progress that some had been making towards being more "civilized" gradually ground to a halt and was replaced with fundamentalism, retrenchment and conspiracy theories about Israel controlling America. At the same in America fundamentalism began its ascent and mainline Protestant churches declined in membership. The gloves came off and the religious war soon followed... just my take.

I'm not saying Israel is wrong, I'm saying they can do wrong, which according to many Americans is an impossibility, at least regarding their 'relations' with the Palestinians and their Arab neighbors. In the final 'it is written' segment of history, my friends descendants may change their tune... to the detriment of the Jewish state. According to Hal, Dr. David

and the rest, the Jews may ultimately be given the chance to convert and if they don't... look out below. My question is who will be the villains if there is violence against the Jews and 2/3 of them die... Christians, Muslims, King of the North, King of the East, someone else? I hope that God forbids it to happen at all and wonder if the prophecies are written in stone or in erasable ink...

As usual there's appalling behavior on all sides leading to the question, 'what came first the chicken or the egg' and the answer might be - it don't matter...

I hear people say they would willingly take their guns and go fight for Israel... someday will their descendants say they would willingly take their guns and go fight Israel? I'm not a savvy enough student of prophecy to know if this is in the cards or not... but Hal says a whole bunch of them get killed. Maybe it's the Arabs, Chinese or some other 'bad guys' that will be responsible if Hal is right... but I didn't hear him specify who would commit such a crime.

Donald Trump wants a wall on our southern border and points out what a good thing the Israel wall is. The difference is that Israel took Palestinian land 50 years ago, while we took the land from Mexico 170 years ago. Does it make a difference? You tell me. It's irrelevant to the Palestinians and the Mexicans... they just want "their land" back and as usual 'might makes right.'

I have to admit the distinct possibility that the Jews are the chosen people...

In the Middle East maybe we should've left lying sleeping dogs lie, or maybe it was a hornets nest that needed to be cleaned out. Maybe what's happening in 2015 is inevitable because of prophecy, or maybe it was inevitable because the universe does not like such an atrocious, intolerant, religious/cultural system that does things like female genital-mutilation, beheadings, murder etc. etc.

Those who might be profiled, should realize that fighting against common sense profiling could result in greater problems like; internment camps, deportation or vigilantes.

Military Industrial complex

"Hear the dogs howling out of key, to a hymn called "Faith and Misery"... the company lost the war today"... Green Day

We embargo, sanction and sell arms and I assume sometimes this is justifiable and other times not. It's sometimes done for special-interests of various persuasions and my criticism is that we set the bar too low for our foreign policies. We're maybe the *greatest nation* of all time but whether not we're the most benevolent is debatable at least in my mind.

Maybe we set the bar too low because the nations we oppose seem to have buried the bar. Anyway, WWJD, George Washington and Abe Lincoln do? Instead of setting a great example we set good or a bad examples... meanwhile I'm just a Monday morning quarterback analyzing the analyzers.

Remote guided armed drones, 80 feet long carrying multiple weapons payloads... will they be used defensively or pre-emptively and will that be for the good of all American's or to further the narrow objectives of special interest groups? Eventually our 'inventions' are obtained by enemies and our pre-emptive special interest group foreign policies encourage them to be pointed in our direction.

Militias

Miracles

Are miracles sleight-of-hand, chemistry or something from God?

Moderation, Willpower and Delayed Gratification

Money and wealth...

Jan 22, 2016 Oxfam says the 62 richest people in the world hold more wealth than the bottom half of the world's population, which would mean those 62 people are wealthier than 3.7 billion people combined. This announced on CNBC as they interviewed Bill Gates... he did his best to make it all go away☺

Mother Nature

My Mom loves her parrots, but I've no interest in birds that can crack a walnut shell and bite visitors with no mechanism for 'correction.'

I don't think we should eliminate diversity of life on the planet in favor of ending up with billions of humans and Labradoodles. We need; whales, sharks, grizzly bears and the planet's original diversity as much as possible. I'm not in favor of bringing back the dinosaurs but I think we should *take our chances* when it comes to getting rid of the peskier bugs out there and as far as eating animals, I vote for harvesting and husbanding them humanely and sustainably... which doesn't rule out hunting.

Ever since the lion laid down with the lamb, the cheetahs have grown fat and the activist have put them on a diet.

As I walk the hood, even the ground conspires against us with ruts and potholes trying to break my ankles... it's one of Mother Nature's many self-limiting mechanisms to control the population.

We've got 7 billion humans and 7,000 Tigers left on this planet I think we should cut the cats some slack...

Mighty Morels

Music

“Take it! Take another little piece of my heart now, baby! Oh, oh, break it! Break another little bit of my heart now, darling, yeah, yeah, yeah. Oh, oh, have a! Have another little piece of my heart now, baby”...Big Brother and the holding company”... (nice name)

Have you ever listened to ‘ladies music?’ What is going on in there!

It's 5:18 Friday afternoon and the radio's playing some decent music... the weekend's finally here!

I don't listen to music so loud anymore, I mostly want it in the background not the foreground.

Is ‘Living in the land down under’, the greatest song of all time? You'd think so based on how many times they've played it this week.

My car's CD player doesn't work so I use poor man's Pandora a.k.a. the scan button. If after going through my presets there's no music or talk that's ‘worth listening to’ I hit the scan button. Sometimes I'm pleasantly surprised and sometimes I turn the radio and enjoy the sounds of silence.

There are very few songs I like the first time, I have to hear them a few times before they *sink in*... when they come across radio the very first time they don't *register*.

Favorite voices today in no particular order; Cornell, Plant, Veder, Morrison, Jager, Adele, Celine D and Taylor S.

How can it be that I haven't heard *My Sharona* in five years, then I hear it three times in the last month and a half?

Don't worry there's a fresh crop of good songs pretty girls and each year ☺

Sometimes it seems that they're going on the theory that if your choir's louder than the other one, your church must be the best...

I count distance in songs and right now Trafalgar's two from here.

"I see you sent my letters back and my LP records and they're all cracked"... The Police

Near Death and Death

New World Order

To those who want to pull societies strings, good luck... not.

The problem is they're the movers and shakers and if we're couch potatoes they'll eat us... with a dab of sour cream

Just as society doesn't let those who inherit nothing live in abject poverty, it shouldn't let people live like princes because they've inherited great wealth.

Way to go meddling NWO and celebrity sidekicks, you agitated for invading tribes probably originally from; Chad, Central African Republic and the 'DR' Congo to take over South Sudan because the historical rulers from the north were so bad. They were brutal but in part they may have been trying to hold on to territory that was being inundated for decades by the aforementioned Dinkas? etc. Now the newly formed nation of "South Sudan" has eclipsed the former northern overlords acts of brutality and you have succeeded in making a terrible situation even worse.

News

NO! (Just say...)

Nukes

"I made one great mistake in my life — when I signed the letter to President Roosevelt recommending that atom bombs be made but there was some justification — the danger that the Germans would make them"... Albert Einstein

The Nuclear deal with Iran is being implemented in Jan. 2016. The Obama camp say it's deserving of a Nobel peace prize but the conservatives say it's a huge failure. If it falls

apart who's fault will it be? Will it be due to Iranian lies and their leader's prophetic views, our prophetic vision of the word or a combination? In either case, everyone will blame everyone else.

I'm for being like Switzerland; neutral, with a citizen militia but without mistakes like hiding Nazi assets. Sadly I also think it's necessary to have nukes or whatever weapons are necessary in the future to maintain a highly effective deterrent against attack... by anyone, even the 'good guys.'

Obligations, Favors and Gratitude

Gratitude like humility is double sided or too faced, in other words on some level both sides realize there's usually strings attached...but can our gratitude towards God be different? I think yes but not always...

Oil

Opinions

We're not supposed to form opinions, they're already formed by the 'smart people' who take care of that for us.

For a variety of reasons the window for having one's own opinion may be closing and coming to an end, so I'm trying to get in as many as possible before it's too late☺

You read it... but did you vette it?

Opportunity

Order... Chaos?

Oxymoron's and Gobbledygook

Is it an oxymoron to 'agree' that everyone's a sinner but believe that most of us are still decent people?

Paranormal

Pascal's Wager

Patriotism

You say I'm a traitor if I don't buy from this auto maker or that device maker. Why should I follow those instructions when no matter who I buy from the owners are in it for themselves, their investors and other vested interests? I can't think of any company or country that's 'in it' for 'everyone' despite gobs of patriotic and mostly hypocritical idealistic rhetoric. Some of our 'masters' are better than others but be they on the left, or right, one religion, ethnicity or another, they have agendas that ultimately seem to include domination via ideology or religion and the willingness to lie, cheat and bomb to achieve their goals. Because of that will mostly but not exclusively look for the best deal. Most products are made of globally sourced parts, including those made by most of the so called most patriotic American companies... I've seen vendor lists and heard the back-stories.

U.S. workers are probably exploited less than most Asian workers but probably more than most EU workers and U.S. companies use cheap illegal immigrant labor and imported parts as much as they use "American" workers and U.S. made parts. U.S. companies are also owned by elitists who 'direct' our bombs and missiles to their destinations around the world at a higher rate than any country in history. I wonder if Jesus and George would be on board with the religious and ideological agendas behind our policies?

I believe our system's far better than some others and a little better than most others but not perfect enough to support it unconditionally. If it was more like what the founding fathers came up with except for slavery I'd be much more supportive but that ship has sailed and arguably been replaced by 1984 and the Brave New World. That being said, all things being equal I still buy American, so riddle me that!

Peace

"What's So Funny 'Bout, Peace, Love, and Understanding"...Nick Lowe/Elvis Costello & The Attractions

Cabals, moguls mandarins, megalomaniacs and charlatans... a recipe for disaster!

Just as a safe distance between high-voltage wires in a breaker box or powerlines is important to sparks or worse, a safe distance between explosive populations could result in less conflict between peoples.

If you don't like someone avoid them, don't intervene unless it's with; humanitarian assistance, safe zones/passage, help with peace negotiations or something along those lines... feeling superior enough to kill people and blow things up is wrong.

There should have some way for people to get along short of killing each other we and avoidance just might be it.

"If it's peace thee wants Jess ye won't get it chopping wood"... Friendly Persuasion

Peer Pressure

The weaker one's team is, the more likely said person will speak in vagaries and riddles, or spout a party line that he doesn't really believe. Meanwhile those in the majority have the luxury to speak their mind more freely.

Problem is... you smoke pot or you didn't smoke pot, you do the 'wrong thing' for a living, you drink too much or drink too little, you vote wrong, hang out with the wrong people or maybe they just don't like your looks. In other words, people can always find a reason to be at odds with you...so why bother trying to make their "A" list?

Strange how we work so hard to satisfy the expectations of certain people, it's even stranger when they're people we rarely see! Their presence can be felt even when they're absent. These people criticize us when we differ from them and when we foolishly take their advice they still ridicule us...when will we learn not to let them figure in our lives?

Philosophy

"Ultimately, man should not ask what the meaning of his life is, but rather must recognize that it is he who is asked"...Viktor Frankl

Platform

Police

Political Correctness

I can put up with the local customs as long as they don't involve things like rape, murder and beheadings.

Politics

“Never underestimate a man who overestimates himself”... Warren Buffet

It's election time and my Facebook friends and acquaintances are voicing their opinions, *left and right*. I wonder what George and Ben would have to say about it...maybe they'd like it but I think they'd still prefer the pub.

Civility yes...decorum, not so much.

I agree with a lot of things Donald Trump says but still think he's a douche bag and probably won't vote for him. This because whatever's going to happen apparently is going to happen and super or sub-human efforts and Trump or whoever's leadership will not change anyway *if* God has predetermined our history... which I'm not sure I agree with but that's a moot point. At most, potential super human efforts *might* slow things down just like closing the borders to Muslims could slow terrorism down but probably won't stop it completely.

We're probably one or two significant terrorist attacks away from the day when most American's decide to close the border to Muslims and round the rest up...currently most Americans are biting their tongues on the issue.

The liberal pundit is shocked that Trump singled out a journalist at his rally and snapped at him. Her sanctimony isn't a surprise, it's a tactic... her democrat favorites aren't much different than Trump and both sides are wrong, not right.

Obama gave his last SOTUS last night, I watched a standup comedian instead... not out of disrespect, just prefer to see highlights later of the POTUS. What struck me was the elegant chambers more than what he said, his autograph signing at the end and the politicization of event by both sides. It is an important event and the POTUS said, America's the most powerful country in the world, which if true makes our legislative body a very important entity. But there are many other important legislative bodies around the world that also meet in elaborate rooms with fine wood and comfortable chairs. There have always been august groups of men and women debating, politicizing, planning and plotting and in the greater scheme of things our POTUS and congress may be blips... but their decisions can and should be calculated to make the world better for everyone, not just better for us or the high and mighty.

Poverty

“I've been stranded in the combat zone, I walked through Bedford Stuy alone”...Billy J.

Funny how some of the least Christian groups in America often adhere the closest to Jesus' teachings about giving to the poor, the caveat is they want to give your money to the poor and keep their tax loopholes intact.

I hope you do real fine... and unless disabled...on your own dime.

If I come across a man who's starving I'll feed him... but not for the rest of his life.

If you're not going to let everyone go around making babies that the tax payer ends up supporting from cradle-to-grave then don't let anyone do it. Make the SOBs support their kids financially, or send them to work camps. If you won't then let's all do what they're doing and bring down the system completely. I don't want to see that happen but the alternative's their progeny taking over the world... and they will do it on your dime.

There are famous cases of men impregnating dozens of women and the tax payer can end up supporting their kids from cradle-to-grave. If we're not going to let every man do it, we shouldn't let ANY man do it. Make people support their kids financially, or send them 'to camp' and make them work. If not maybe we should all do what they're doing and bring down the system completely. I don't want to see that happen but the alternative is their progeny taking over the world... and they intend to do it on your dime. Caveat... ALL 'kinds' of people do it...

There's nothing wrong with giving people welfare if long term you're helping them and society, but if in the long run you're hurting them and society then it's a mistake and if it's somewhere in between then try to reach an equitable balance point.

Power

I think I have a couple years left as a *silverback* and though I never quite made it to *apex* male its okay with me but I'm not particularly looking forward to what comes next...

Hitler was a monster and wrong on many levels, one being that he wanted the German people not just to control their destiny but to control everyone's...he wanted to rule the world and unless Jesus is literally coming back to do that, it will always be wrong.

When one group relinquishes control of their lives or choices to another, is it because they're benevolent or just stupid... just wondering?

Prayer

I don't think all religions are necessarily created *equal* but I think they're all created by humans. On the radio Buddhist Korean Buddhists pray for the kids to do well in exams and claim their kids study harder and do better as a result. Their prayers seem to me like somewhat repetitive chants, which many Christians criticize as pagan non-sense but the repetitive chants remind me of the songs at church which can go on for many minutes, repeating the same lines, over and over again.

Thank you Lord that I remembered to put the avocado on the counter, even though I forgot while walking from the garage to the kitchen...was that you who reminded me? If you don't mind could you please remind me to fill up before I run out of gas?

Sometimes I go back-and-forth between an expletives and a 'Thank You Lord!' in less time than it takes to say it...what the heck?

Presidents of the United States

WWGW do? I'm not saying we should do would George Washington would do but I'm curious what he do about our current troubles; terrorism, immigration, Gay rights etc. He's the president and founding father I respect the most despite his imperfections and though many will say he's a relic and couldn't understand the current problems, I wish we could hear his opinion.

George Washington probably had it right when he recommended *no permanent foreign alliances*. Whether it's Turkey and Russia and our NATO obligations, Taiwan or anyone else we're *obligated* to defend, WWG say?

They say Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address on a train on a scrap of paper. It was short, sweet and powerful. The ignorant SOBs trying to rule and ruin us now employ teams of speechwriters. They may not be idiots but they're beholden opportunists and mostly puppets as well.

A well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained in arms, is the best most natural defense of a free country.

James Madison

The number, the industry, and the morality of the priesthood, and the devotion of the people have been manifestly increased by the total separation of the church from the state.

James Madison

The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe with blood for centuries.

James Madison

In no instance have... the churches been guardians of the liberties of the people.

James Madison

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Pride

Prison

Productivity

Progress

Prophecy

I'm a traveler of both time and space

To be where I have been

To sit with elders of the gentle race

This world has seldom seen

They talk of days for which they sit and wait

All will be revealed"... Led Zeppelin

Prophecy may very well be in the process of being fulfilled, I don't know but my friends do. At least some of them, others don't believe the reports. All I know is that I'm watching the news with; fear, trepidation, awe and bewilderment... that's a lot of stuff to be watching with☺

This may be developing into the biggest religious war of all times and now it's Judeo-Christianity against Islam. If Islam is defeated what if anything comes next? What happens to the Jews according to Christian or Jewish prophecy? If it's something awful, is it at the hands of; Muslims during this phase, Christians at a later phase or someone else? Only God and perhaps well-versed students of prophecy know the answer.

I don't know if Biblical prophecy has been fulfilled or not? What have the *investigations* into it proven or disproven and have the various investigative parties had an interest in the outcome of said investigation? What's going on now may be the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy but it sure seems like there's been a concerted effort on both sides to achieve certain prophesized outcomes. If one side wins through centuries of concerted effort they can say see we were right all along, and if the other side plays into their hands all the better! This isn't an attack on any religion, it's an observation about human nature, which from the beginning has been led by killer apes intent on power over the *situation*.

Do astrological charts apply to wildebeest and bugs and is it logical that on any given day 1/12th of the human race will have the same kind of day as per the newspaper's horoscope?

Whether it's Mideast wars, changing demographics in the U.S. or anything else, maybe it's meant to be... and maybe it's not.

Whether it's peak oil or Armageddon the; word smiths, prophets and prognosticators who coin and popularize such buzz words are often wrong for a while but they rarely recant completely. Why would they? Darn near everything happens in the long run.

There's always a 'king' of the north, east, south and west and if you make a habit of antagonizing your neighbors those kings, presidents or whoever are bound to retaliate...meanwhile back at the grotto, a bit of back of the envelope calculating could have told the prophet that the king of the east could eventually muster a 200 kk man army... or he could have actually have seen the future.

Fembots? What's the big deal... we all *behave* like robots, especially when we want to be accepted by the cool robots (and our programmers love it.)

Quips

Quotes

Rat Race

Regrets

Rejects, Miscellaneous and Unclassified

Religion and the Sexes

Religionism

"Fundamentalism is always a tragedy. It is not religious, it lacks God, it is idolatrous"...Pope Francis

Funny how Christianity's message can be summed up in just a few lines or expanded into many volumes...

When it comes to religionists I'd be content to survive amongst the belligerents and eventually escape their clutches but that's no small feat. They deserve a wide berth though their desire is to be smack in our face so they can save your soul... as they surely 'know it.'

When you combine religionism with human nature and the bell curve of diverse populations with slightly different character traits you create a cauldron and religionists fan the flames for the good of themselves, their group and their god, notice the small 'g.' They criticize each other's way of praying, though it may have something to do with a population's character traits... what you call other religions' repetitious prayers, remind me of your songs where lines are sometimes repeated dozens of times.

I can't think of anyone who isn't at least semi fanatical about something, but none are zealots for freedom and tolerance, instead it's always for one 'ism' or another.

Many Muslims think they'll go to hell if they don't support Jihad, many Christians think they'll go to hell if they don't support everything Israel does, so religionists from two great religions are de-facto at an impasse and in a simmering war. At least they've defined "the enemy" and after this pot boils over, who's next?

Science-ism also a form of religionist fundamentalism... just watch the science channel's 'experts' telling us exactly how the universe was formed... really Mr. scientist?

Science-ism is also a form of fundamentalism, just watched science channel's 'experts' telling us EXACTLY how the universe was formed... ... there's nothing wrong with admitting it Mr. scientist, with all due respect, isn't that your religion ☺

The deal is, you're supposed to be given a chance to convert but if you don't respond 'appropriately' your life can be deemed meaningless and you can be dealt with accordingly...

One difference between Christianity and Islam is most Christians are willing to let people of other opinions *just go to hell* after death if they refuse their *invite*. My *impression* of Islam is that it may be more acceptable to hasten *non-believers* along. I don't think there's been a brutal Christian theocracy for a long time and hopefully that's out of their system forever. Modern so called Christian nations tend to maintain advanced militaries, just in case... while modern Islamic countries aren't as militarily advanced but in age of WMD's it may be a moot point...

IMO the leading "Christian" nation(s) tend to think it's their responsibility to *make things right* and slay monsters abroad... I don't know if they like war too much, or if war is just more necessary than I think.

Religious War

You push we shove, you bomb we bomb. We're all led by madmen raised by crazy mommas and stupid daddies. We're the naked apes that Desmond wrote about and we're all potential killers. We're also loving and God-fearing with an inherent tendency to stick our noses in other people's affairs. So unless this is all God's plan and the outcome what the Bible says, it's likely to be a continuation of mad, killer apes with opposable thumbs and powerful drives including; food, shelter, sex, territory and other human and animal desires.

IMO religious bigotry crops up about equally in most religions but as far as I know, only a couple of them condone violence in order to spread and/or 'defend' their faith... in the religions that don't condone violence, there's still usually a cadre of 'holy warriors' prepared to commit violence anyway and the broader membership usually doesn't do much to stop it... other than a bit of disingenuous window dressing aka damage control for the purposes of PR.

Christianity is wonderful because it doesn't advocate conversion through violence like some other religions. Unfortunately Christians seem to condone it on occasion and have used violence for various and sundry reasons many times.

Renting

Is it discrimination not to rent to people who think you owe them free rent, or is it learning from experience, I call it the latter.

Respect

I would like to be respected but that's up to other people. I can change this that and the other thing about myself and maybe get a little but to me at least, I think the list is too long... I'd have to change every little thing and for a few of them, even if I prostrate myself to them, their ideology and their theology, I'd still come up short. Moral of the story, I suppose I shouldn't worry about earning their respect... it's not worth it.

Responsibility

People take responsibility for their mistakes but don't mean it, or feel guilty about mistakes but don't take responsibility for them. These may be the extremes but they're also indicators that we're all human, self-centered and mistake prone.

Have you ever spent a whole bunch a time getting ready for something, trying to make everything perfect, shave, trim, scrub but somehow forget something major and embarrass yourself? That's what happened to me at the doctor's office today... oh well ☺

Revolution, Evolution

"Revolution is usually caused by lack of evolution"... Andrea Orcel

"I'll tip my hat to the new constitution
Take a bow for the new revolution...
then I'll get on my knees and pray
we don't get fooled again" - The Who

Rome

"What is Rome, Maximus?... Rome is the light... You have not seen what it has become"...
Gladiator

Routines

Rumi

SRSR

Russia

Salvation

If virginity till marriage is necessary for salvation and Godliness, then the majority of people are in trouble. Combine that with having to speak in tongues & nefarious & Sunday extra beliefs & no one gets to heaven but by the grace of God...of course!

Satisfaction

Second Amendment

Secession

Secrets

“It’s a little secret just the Robinson’s affair... put it in your pantry with your cupcakes”...Simon and Garfunkle

Selfishness

Shopping and the Mall

It's pretty bad when you have to look at the posters or walk the magazine aisle to see a pretty girl in a store... oops, I stand corrected ☺

There's comely and there's a comely face. Also discovered that if you want to pretty girls at Walmart look in the toy aisle... that's where the pretty mamas are.

Sitting on the Fence

I'm not that smart but think there're times you have to pick sides but also think they're people trying to make us pick sides too many times and for the wrong reasons. Is the world only 10,000 years old? I doubt it but agree there's evil in the world that must be opposed... but who's to decide? As far as I'm concerned it's not those who say they have the patent on God, that the world's 10,000 years old, this is what you must believe and this is who you must fight... I also don't think it the butchers on the other side who have many of same

beliefs and even more hate and demands. I've heard talk of a gentle race and of the meek inheriting the earth... if that means the steadfast and the peaceful, then I agree and have found a cause I can support.

If I'm going to lose my front teeth I'd rather it be fighting for something than at the hands of my CPAP machine...

Slander

Smoking

Social Engineering

Society

Most homogeneous societies become heterogeneous overtime. If started by a group that was fairly similar, 100's of years later they may have splintered into numerous competing if not waring groups. The Middle East is a historical example of this and the Western world might becoming the same. Countries like Japan that have 'valued' homogeneity are at the opposite side of the spectrum. Which is better? All I know is which one is more 'acceptable.'

I'd much rather help create a new society then destroy existing ones, even though some may benefit from massive overhauls...let others who have the stomach do it, I don't want all that blood on my hands.

Soldiers

I don't think anybody's meant to be cannon fodder and we certainly aren't born that way but if you go down a certain path it can seem one's only choice, no matter where in the world you live.

Sovereign Separation

Newmerica, Umerica, Youmerica, Eumerica... Umish Astronauts

Is it true that we need to be a united country ruled by a federal superstate to be free people? Or does the superstate which is a pure but elitist manipulated democracy actually diminish our liberty? We're told that we would be too weak as sovereign states to maintain our independence but I wonder if the opposite is true. As that small rogue lunatic nation

NK is showing, a few nukes are a pretty good deterrent against invasion, even by superpowers. So why couldn't small enlightened states insure the security of their people the same way? As much as I hate nukes, I hate enslavement by the elite, rich, special interests at least as much. That plus a Swiss type military and as much as possible neutrality could lead to a free prosperous state or colony.

Space is the Place!

The name New Plymouth... nice!

When the Beatles or anyone else sing's, "Come Together", I think they mean via their worldview. It's still a power-play and even if they're supposed message is one of peace, the underlying message is that their worldview must prevail, or at least someone else's squelched or neutralized. This is the history of mankind and hopefully the vast expanse of space will allow these different views to coexist or at least not so frequently be at war.

The freedom to freely move from one colony or state to another and be allowed to take ones assets is another is essential. This way if you're uncomfortable with the 'community standards' in one colony you up and leave. The marketplace will determine which colonies and which standards are most in demand...and for people who don't like it in those places their hopefully will be places where they fit in.

A republic... not a pure democracy. The framers of the Constitution should lay out exceptions to the right to vote. Possibly; excessive recipients of welfare, violent criminals, tax evaders, foreign agents etc.

If they want to destroy their country it's a tragedy but we shouldn't participate, our help should be in the form of humanitarian aid and a negotiating venue.

Preemptive strikes are necessary at times but shouldn't be anyone's regular MO unless someone is actively making war against them.

We may never be able to fully avoid people who we don't want to associate with, so it's good to get along but not to succumb to them.

Although I think people should be able to discriminate in the sense that they are allowed to form societies of like-minded or like looking people although I'm not personally for a society of like looking people. I think like-minded is better and would probably be a bell curve of ethnicities, probably with a cross-section of humanity but perhaps a little more like yourself then like society as a whole... and therein lies a rub. You automatically have ethnic minorities who feel underrepresented. That's where a strong, fair constitution must

be in place and it must be enforced so you don't end up with good old boys, nannies or any other unfair power structure.

Having people who are mostly like-minded people and a firm, fair, difficult to change constitution it will help reduce problems. Space colonies should have the right to exclude groups that oppose their constitution and could be dangerous to the colonies survival. Such exclusions could be embedded in the constitution and even specify particular; ethnicities, religions or ideologies. This is of course illegal in the U.S. and not ideal anywhere but if specify mindsets such as intolerance, intrinsic superiority or entitlement exist in a group based on; religion, ethnicity, ideology, gender or anything else they should be excluded. Such groups should be avoided as far as living but if both groups want to trade perhaps that can be accomplished either on neutral ground or through intermediaries. The groups that you don't want to live amongst can stay on earth, or form their own space colonies but should not be allowed to infiltrate and agitate yours. When you cross paths with them you should be civil and humane but watch your back and not capitulate to their demands.

If your narrative doesn't fit in with narrative or their prophetic worldview they not only think you're wrong they think you're nuts and potentially dangerous. If you want to start a colony with like-minded people you're called a grandiose kook or even worse, I see it as nothing more than a valid alternative world view, nothing to be ashamed of but not something to necessarily advertise... yet.

You're criticized for not trying to change things for the better and criticized when you do try... that's life and nothing to lose sleep over. I'd rather focus on an independent colony instead of trying to change minds here, when most likely 99% of will never change, which of course is fine and everyone's right. My question is, will independent colonies be allowed by the *masters of the universe*? Probably not, unless they abide by the NOW's, which are their way of maintaining the status quo, order and economic growth...at least two of those objectives are admirable. Even if a separatist colony is weak and far more peaceful than they are, the NOW's argument (as if they need one☺) is that they have to keep the peace and sometimes that requires force. I think they're primarily interested in ensuring that their agenda prevails and that's a far cry from keeping the peace.

Strict and absolute separation of church and state... those who don't like it can go to another colony freely, taking their wealth and possessions and with them and immovable property can be freely sold without them being shafted. Potential immigrants must prove their worth and be vetted as much as possible regarding their peaceful intentions at their expense. Of course supply and demand will be a consideration and if a colony stinks, it will likely lose people and probably fail. This shouldn't be a; 'lost colony of Roanoke', welfare state, fascist state, dictatorship or kingdom. As much as possible it should be like the Founding Fathers intended America to be but without slavery, it should be a constitutional republic not a pure democracy.

What I perceive as the problem is that the powers that be want to co-op and combine everyone into one race, except maybe themselves. Other than the last three words which if true means their devious, amalgamation would be fine for those who do it voluntary and not via *social engineering*, or even okay via that if people are aware of it and decide they want in. On the other hand, a few people think that amalgamation, which has become a dirty word, potentially destroys European based bloodlines. The Africanization of America may be inevitable and desired by most Americans, so whether they've thought about it and agree, are just going with the flow or have been hoodwinked might be, or become academic in the long run. Dare I say look at President Obama... is he half white and half black or is he black?

In my opinion he's the latter and people who have a *pure* African black parent and a white European parent, look, act and identify as black. That's fine but if a few people like me are not with the program, will they be the option of not being coerced or meddled with by the government if they want to form their own society at their own expense? I doubt very much they will have that natural right and will be 'encouraged' to be; assimilated, amalgamated and their blood line evaporated. I wish Africans and Africanized Americans well, I just don't want them to replace the people I love...

Spirituality

"Nothing to kill or die for no religion too"... John Lennon

"Seems to me you lived your life like a candle in the wind, never knowing who to turn to when the rain set it"... Bernie Taupin

Sports and Extra-size

Funny how we name our teams and muscle cars after vanquished enemies... Rebels, Redskins, etc... so who's next?

Before your back goes out you may have a split-second grace-period to 'counter act' the straw before it breaks the camel's back. It's worth sacrificing your designer faucet, shelf or whatever since they can be repaired but your back may be unrepairable, or in pain for weeks if you hurt it.

I'm loving it! Walking at the mall's better than Walmart and a heck of a lot better than outside where you; get wet, freeze, breath weed and feed, dodge cars and twist ankles. Not to mention scenery at the mall's not too shabby either☺

Stereotypes

Stress

“It's not having what you want. It's wanting what you've got”... Sheryl Crow

At first I thought Sheryl's quote was silly but then thought about it in terms of the rat race we're in. People are driving past me like their crazy to get where they're going and a lot of it's so that one way or another they can 'get ahead in life.' Getting ahead often seems to mean getting stuff... stuff that rusts, breaks, rots or ends up in the garbage. It seems to me that most of this getting what we want and getting ahead does little for us except make us work like ants. On the other hand it makes the rich, richer and the super-rich more in control. We're left on a treadmill frantically running in place like gerbils, thinking we're going to be rich too but we mostly spend our time, making and buying the junk they convince us we need and they go one living meaningless, extravagant lives and doing their best to perpetuate their wealth to the next generation... so what else is new in the zoo?

Just as I was thinking about the rough day my friend was having with the stomach flu, I saw a coyote literally splattered to pieces on the side of the road, being eaten by crows... now that's a bad day!

Success (Failure)

Whether looking for a job or a mate you need skills not anti-skills.

We're exposed to a lot of smart people and a lot of stupid people in life. Whose examples will you follow? Hopefully it will be the smart ones although we can learn a few things from the stupid ones too...

Not everyone can be the President but there's nothing wrong with trying... there's also nothing wrong with trying for something less... just don't settle for doing squat.

Every once in a while I accidentally do something right ☺

It's not unusual for people to get what they want by hook, crook or hard work or for others to take it from them the same way.

If your success is based on being so smart that you're “one step ahead” of everyone, you're likely to face major setbacks from time to time... what's wrong with cooperation and coexistence?

No matter what the problem, apply what you know, keep learning more and you might just lick it.

If someone's convinced you you're a loser don't try to make amends or prove yourself to him. He's only in it to win it and everybody else is supposed to be his water boy.

If you're lucky enough to do something *notable* avoid the *big head* if you can, instead consider it a privilege that God or the universe is letting you carry water...

Superstition

“When you believe in things that you don't understand, Then you suffer, Superstition ain't the way”... Stevie Wonder

You can love people without letting them be your conscience and guide. Don't let their superstitions be passed on to you.

Surveillance Nation

Whether it's surveillance or big data, ‘right or wrong’ usual depends on who's ox is being gored.

Talking with a friend about how by clicking on ‘Agree’ with his new cell phone carrier, he inadvertently agreed to a long list of incredibly intrusive privacy violations I wondered, have these always been going on under the auspices of the “devil made me do it?” Just now while heading up the stairs to send an email to a client and present several points while they’re fresh in my mind, I started up the stairs but didn’t see the receipts I had just set down. Is it my forgetfulness or the “devil aka bad aliens or whoever reading my mind and trying to make me screw up? Heck if Google’s figured out how to track every move we make, what we’re thinking of buying etc. via monitoring our clicks, etc. why couldn’t malevolent aliens, i.e. the bad ‘powers and principalities’ of the Bible have been doing the same thing for millennia?

Then there’re the occasions when Siri either edits or doesn’t seem able to help me when I’m using voice ‘wreck-ignition’... another case of the ‘devil at work’ or am I just in a bad cell... I think it’s the latter but it’s still an interesting, if minor *phenomenon*.

Of course you might say I’m just paranoid but I’m not taking it that seriously...just mulling it over, after all, I still can’t seem to get arrested in this town ☺

Symbolism

Taxes

There should be a formula based tax system, preceded by first referendums. Voters decide what tax revenue should be spent on and people who want bells and whistles be it generous welfare or a massive peacetime military should be taxed more so these pork barrels are funded by those who want them, not by those who don't.

Teamwork

Technology

Wow! My cell phone was almost killed by a falling pack of frozen fish!

Terrorism

My Egyptian relatives probably support their governments reaction to the downing of the Russian Metro jet and my American friends support America's reaction. Geopolitics and terrorism are not immune from the team mentality, in this case religious and nationalistic, not to mention the tourism money that Egypt relies on. In this case I think Americans have only a Chihuahua in the fight.

We've seen terrorists cross EU borders and massacre people in Paris...there could be more to come, why not vet?

Take cabals in the Middle East, moguls on Wall St. and Hollywood, religious and ideological zealots, an emerging Asian superpower with limited capitalist experience, mix in a dose of the European Union, revived Russian ambitions and billions of poor people in Africa and Latin America, stir the cauldron and you get quite a stew!

Think Tanks

How can factcheck.com not have a bias and what makes them qualified to tell people who has a Pinocchio nose?

Third Rails, Taboos and Things We 'Shouldn't Talk About'

I don't want to live amongst certain people for various reasons such as my lack of competitiveness etc.

I don't pray that much to Jesus, I mostly pray to God/our Father in heaven. I don't even talk to Jesus that much, I mostly just wonder about him, wonder about him... wonder about him.

Typically Christians aren't as violent in the pursuit of their commission as Muslims but they have supported Israel almost unconditionally in its conquest and expansion into the West Bank etc. If this is truly God's will then so be it, if it's not then the many billions of dollars in weapons, R & D and other support we've given the Jewish state may be a mistake. The justification that Israel is our only democratic ally in the region may be justification enough or simply a red herring. Time will tell who wins and maybe who's been right all along... God only knows but the religionists insist they have the scoop, right down to who will be destroyed and from what I've heard them say, it's not just Muslims.

Time

“May your past be the sound, of your feet upon the ground”...Fun

I know a lot of people who never get anything done because they talk so much. I know a few people who talk little, get things done and their 'problem's' figuring out what to do with all their spare time....

Tolerance

I'm not for a religious test, I'm for a religious tolerance test accompanied by a daily 'lie detector' but that's impossible... & un-passible?

Torture

Tradition (Trapped by)

Trains, Planes and Subway Cars

The squished 'giant' in the middle seat across the aisle is enduring conditions counter to the Geneva conventions... but such is modern flight. On the subject of modern flight, it's 2016 and we're in a McDonnell Douglas MD-80's, the last of which was manufactured in 1998...hmm, way to go the Allegiant. They're in-flight magazine says the majority of their planes are McDonnell Douglas MD-80's... a minimum of 18 years old is pretty old.

We're in the air now so everyone switches from Facebook to real books or takes a nap... I wonder what's the ratio of self-help to fiction and if the ratio's gender neutral.

Tranquility

Traveling...

“Most places are fit only for arrivals and departures and I like to do a lot of them”...

Rupert Venneker

Tribes and Natives

“The time has come a fact’s a fact it belongs to them let’s give it back”... Midnight Oil

Really? With all due respect I disagree and have a few reasons in mind...

Some say we shouldn't of taken the land from the Indians, others say the Indians weren't working the land and needed to share it... I wonder if they feel the same about Bill Gates and the other mega-billionaires fortunes? Oh, yes Bill and company are sharing... Once again we're all just folks and it usually depends on whose ox is getting gored.

Truth, Lies, Justice (show us the video!)

“Trying to take a picture of the sun, it won't help you to see the light”... Chris Cornell

“Too many churches and not enough truth Too many people and not enough eyes to see”...

The Guess Who

I'm wrong as often as I'm right... et vous? ☺

You tell me what I should and must believe but IMO you're not particularly interested in the truth...just power and your inherent sense of superiority compels you to foist your beliefs on others.

Every little key unlocks a lie... kudos to Chris Cornell, but I changed his line just a bit ☺

Whether it's Hillary, Trump, Noah's Ark, the shroud of Turin or anything in politics and religion, believers and sceptics preach to the choir and to the rest of us hoping to win the

day and swell their ranks. Cooking the data's par for the course, no one's 'fair and balanced' and the BS slimes downhill because in this case only gravity's for real.

"You stop telling lies about me and I'll stop telling the truth about you"... unknown

"So, so you think you can tell...A smile from a veil?"... Pink Floyd

TV and Media Matters

I just want the right to vote with my remote, which you're making harder and harder, by stacking the *choices* deck.

I complain when my favorite shows aren't on and when they are on I complain about reruns and boring episodes ☺

I don't need to listen to Rush, Dana, Greg or anybody else cause tomorrow it'll all come out of someone else's mouth like it's the gospel.

UCGR

"Live and let live, one day at a time"... AA?

Worship according to the dictates of your conscience but don't believe everything it tells you...

I'm Amish that's with a 'U.' Is it Christian? It's borderline, so they say it isn't...say what you will, it's certainly not fundamentalist.

The largest growing religious group is the 'unaffiliated'...TV news.

If the God of the Bible is the God of the universe then that's the God I worship.

UCGR is gay neutral...

Most people want answers not more questions but for the few who don't insist on or question the 'answers'...there's UCGR.

This church is a place to worship God, not a place to practice religion, which is a human construct.

What is Euchre? It's a club without any denominational affiliations. It believes in freedom of speech and association and in worshipping according to the dictates of one's conscience

with the understanding that our consciences can con us and it believes the Golden Rule is very cool!

Euchre is a church, not a religion... a small house church.

Euchre is a spinoff of the Unitarian church. If the Unitarian church can call it self church why can't Euchre?

Euchre doesn't want members who hate people of other ethnicities. It wants people who love everyone including their own people and who aren't apologetic for wanting them to survive well into the future.

If I believe in the historical Jesus; a man, rabbi and teacher instead of the supernatural Jesus who multiplied loaves, walked on water and rose from the dead you say I'm going to hell. I hope you're wrong and I think he may have risen from the dead and wonder if aliens would have had anything to do with that?

I'm Amish with a U ☺

Note to self... as of today (Nov. 11, 2015) UCGR is no longer underground, it's officially open for business by this; reformed', orthodox, old fashioned, backslid Unitarian aka Euchretarian. Backslid as in 'not in good standing' at either church... Unitarian or Christian ☺

I call myself a God loving, God-fearing man and think/hope I can do without additional labels and affiliations.

You ask if I'm a Christian and I say I don't know and you say 'well that answers that, it means you're not' and I say fine it's just a label... a very powerful one but a label.

Euchretarian is a spin-off of Unitarian, which IMO has gone too far in the direction of activism on behalf of special interest groups that I am stuck in tolerance mode towards but see no reason to agitate on behalf.

Euchre has made up its mind to be reasonable, tolerant and to try not to talk out of both sides of its mouth. It doesn't always believe in, "whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either." Arguably this conflicts with the Old Testament, which Jesus said he wouldn't change and which records, if not condones genocide.

Hopefully Euchre doesn't make dogmatic pronouncements and claims of moral superiority and it doesn't agree with those who do. Nor does Ucgr believe that other people's lives are useless or meaningless if they don't adapt particular beliefs, be they mandatory worship of anything from the Bible, environmentalism, technology or anything else that's come or coming down the pike.

Euchre's view of marriage will be a new contract, where community standards are the guide.

Some people like to ask, "are you a Christian?" At the moment I consider myself a Christian. My only *credentials* are that I've asked Jesus to be my savior and was baptized in his name. That's enough for Euchre but not for most churches which varying lists of requirements typically longer than the above stated. Ucgr allows; doubt, questions and reservations. I wonder if Jesus was a result of aliens or if he is literally God and literally THE creator of the universe, or something in between or even something different from both of those. For these reasons Euchre is only my personal church and not open to the public. I want to worship this way, not the a committee decided long ago. That doesn't mean we cannot commune, discuss, debate or pray together, we can.

Another reason euchre's private are the accusations of heresy and leading people astray. *If* true I don't want to do that, but since I believe we have a right if not a responsibility to study and decide things for ourselves I will worship the way I chose for as long as I can.

"My shadow's the only one that walks beside me"... Green Day

Ucgrville

Numerica, Nucago, Nuapolis

YouKerrville, draw a map☺ Main buildings and expenditures should be on; research institutes, hospitals and defensive positions... churches are smaller but respectable.

Not utopia, not a religion... a colony based on freedom, strong defense and non-interference.

You can endow a university or research institute and have your name on it, beyond that it's adios, so forget about your pet projects or your offspring ruling this little piece of the world... lots of other places are dying to take you. If you make money here you're leaving, endowing or spending it here for the benefit of society. You're welcome to vamoose with up to \$ xx, the rest goes back to those you've pillaged and plundered with crappy software and propaganda empires Mr. Bloomberg and Mr. Gates... your Bilderberg schemes for a NWO won't be welcome here... but I digress.

If you build a billion-dollar company you can bequeath it to the employees, not to your children but you can name it whatever you want...no 'princes' allowed.

Society should focus on elevating and protecting its citizens from enemies foreign and domestic. Its immigration policy should prevent importing enemies or those intending to

milk the system. Curing disease and healing terrible injuries should be R & D's focus, along with defense. Foreign entanglements should be avoided like the plague and only truly temporary alliances used when security is threatened, foreign-policy and the military shouldn't be controlled by special-interest groups; religious, ideological etc. Exports should be medical technology it should have the most robust defense and an iron Constitution.

The Constitution is inferior to God but superior to the churches of the colony. God's will is not to be defined by the churches as they are as fallible as men and women's minds and conscience. Revelations including by those claiming divine inspiration are to be taken with shakers of salt for what they are and what they might be worth... 'we shouldn't be fooled again.' kudos The Who.

No royalty, no princely class, no chosen people, no master race, no money talks.

Unions

Vacations

(La) Vagina Papers

"I search myself I want you to find me, I forget myself I want you to remind me"... Divinyls

You've got the kit, the kit and caboodle and of course the whole kit and caboodle ☺

Have you ever seen the genitals on female chimpanzees? Ladies, you got lucky... chimps are our closest relatives!

Like an oven I like what goes in and what comes out and to be close to her warmth but it can burn you and I'm certainly not going to try sticking my head inside.

Landing strip, side burns and wetlands... an incredible ecosystem!

Is there anything you go to bed thinking about and wake in the morning with it still on your mind...

Despite what they'd have you believe, Cougars are not tame by a long shot and I'm not talking about the ones stalking the hills outside LA. When you see what they're hiding you'll understand...it's a beautiful 'wild thing' if I've ever seen one! Fortunately they usually aren't ashamed, unfortunately they're sometimes embarrassed to 'open up.' They shouldn't be although men sometimes 'can't handle it' ☺

Values

Vegans

Violence

“Nobody wants to see me die but they don't want to miss it if I do”... Evel Knievel

Voice Wreck-ognition

Voting

If you surrender your rights by the vote, good luck ever getting them back that way or any other.

I'm fine with the voting laws the Founding Fathers instituted yet I'm also fine with anyone having the right to vote if they don't use votes to repeal our rights... and therein lies the rub. I would defend everyone's basic rights, which is more than some have done for us and which shouldn't include the right to use votes to steal other's rights to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and I would add control over the fruits of one's labor. These should never be redistributed or confiscated at the whim of others, regardless of them outvoting or outgunning you.

By the power of the vote the minority is enslaved by the majority.

**This year Vote;
at the box,
with your feet &
with your remote**

Weather

WEB

Weeds Etc.

What came first?

Wholly Men... (of God?)

IMO no one should want to be worshipped but its fine and normal to want to be remembered... is there something you want to be remembered for?

I don't want to call CS Lewis disingenuous or anything like that, he was probably a very good man but I respectfully disagree with his assertion that if you say Jesus is not who he says he is then you're in effect saying he was a liar. That seems to me like an attempt to pigeonhole people into an untenable position. I can't think of anyone I know who wants to say that Jesus was a liar, just saying there may be other explanations and people with inquiring minds should have the right to explore them without being accused of heresy etc.

The TV preacher claims *anointment from God* but men have been claiming that since time immemorial. Long before any of today's religions were around, there were men standing on a hilltops ranting, raving and claiming to speak for God.

My beef with the preacher today was mainly over his demeaning joke about atheists. (Lady prays for groceries, atheist buys and puts them on her porch, when she sees them she cries out to God in thanks, he jumps out and says "aha, God didn't get them for you I did... she cries out in thanks again and says "and thank you God for making the devil pay for them." Although I don't consider myself an atheist in the least, he might say I am. His joke doesn't draw people together and makes me wonder what he thinks about the billions of peoplen, religious and otherwise who don't share his views.

I think there are good pastors, bad pastors and many in between but I don't think any preach the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I don't think they know it and I don't think the Bible contains it, which doesn't mean that the Bible doesn't contain great wisdom and more... but what do I know.

Willpower

Winter Freaking Wonderland!

WIP IT GOOD!

I belong to a one person party and a one person church... so what. I don't care if they grow but I hope the ideas do.

The WIP is a house party... SRSR's a house club.

I'll agitate for anyone's human rights but no one's 'special' rights.

As far as I know the key founding fathers; Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Franklin were not fundamentalist Christians they were from Christian backgrounds but they were Freemasons, Theists and Unitarians all of which are disfavored by religionists... I believe Lincoln and Grant were too. Fundamentalists will likely dispute this but I think their evidence is weak, contrived, concocted and bogus. based on carefully selected writings and disputed death bed statements. Just read the Jefferson Bible, read what Grant wrote, “No political party can or ought to exist when one of its cornerstones is opposition to freedom of thought and to the right to worship God ‘according to the dictate of one's own conscience,’ or according to the creed of any religious denomination whatever”, Adams was officially Unitarian, a sect generally despised by religionists and on and on it goes.

Wisdom

“Anyone who is among the living has hope --even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!”... Ecclesiastes 9:4

Don't let your misspent youth become you're misspent life... I'm trying ☺

Working for a Living.... (and taking what they're giving)

They say, “any day above ground's a good day” but any day below ground's a good day, if you're a miner ☺

I like tipping to waitresses, drivers, cleaning people and others like them. Panhandlers... not so much, unless they have a disability but I guess even the able bodied ones do a job by making us feel good when we give them food or money.

The workers at the seat factory have 83 seconds to do a repetitive task all day long or get fired. For that they get a paycheck that's 1/800th of the CEO's. At the end of the week they have bloody knuckles and damaged joints, the CEO and his cronies have more money than they know what to do with...other than lobby for more power over society.

I may not like parts of the system but have nothing against the people *trapped* in it, except for those leading the orchestra.

Take your time when you're up that ladder, near that breaker box, running a chainsaw or whatever. You can be injured or killed, the customer can only be sued and have to file with his insurance company... none of that brings you back, you just become *a story for* others to tell.

The problem with these reports is I'm dealing with people who count beans a lot better than I do...☺

Wrestling with Racism

I wish you the very best but not on my dime...

Is it racism not to be for the Africanization of America? Many if not most Americans seem to be OK with it. Cam Newton talks about his roots on TV and that's fine, but can white American talk about theirs without being called names?

I respect blacks, try to do them no harm and stay out of their way as much as possible and hope that they would afford me the same but who knows?

Who's responsible for slavery? I agree it wasn't the slaves, but was it mostly the Arab slave traders, European and New England financiers, southern slave owners, tribes that helped the slave traders or others? IMO they all share blame but it's not the fault of people many years after emancipation and IMO African Americans are not victims at this point in time. Obviously this view which I share with some people holds less water than those who agitate for reparations via politics, demonstrations, perhaps boycotts and other means. They claim that slavery and segregation continues to harm blacks 150 years after their ancestors were freed. Many people came here in a disadvantaged state and faced discrimination and hardships but they and their descendants have done incredibly well regardless.

It's a stereotypical that blacks have mostly done well in the areas of sports and entertainment but they've also done well in business, science and medicine but IMO not nearly as well as certain other immigrant groups. It's true that those immigrants came here voluntarily while Africans were forced to come but IMO 150 years after emancipation, that's only justification for equal rights, which I think they currently receive. Human history has many examples of slavery but few of reparations and threats of violence if they don't receive it should be met with determination on the part of society, there should be no free lunch and no 40 acres.

History channel; By 950 A.D. 10% of Europe's residents were slaves, largely by the Vikings... should the Scandinavian's pay reparations? In Russia the serfs were basically slaves even after the Emancipation Proclamation and there are tragic examples of slavery the world over to this very day... we should end slavery and give reparations to modern day slaves at the expense of modern slave holders... as far as being buffaloed by those demanding reparations for pre- Emancipation Proclamation slavery, I say hooey and brother gird your loins.

Oh Africa! You're quite a place, according to the BBC, the age of consent for girls in Uganda is 12 years old... but don't worry, America forgives you... after all, anything 'wrong' on your continent is *our fault*.

I have nothing against mixed race or ethnicity unions. Anybody can fall in love with anybody, that's nature's way and the offspring are talented and beautiful. What I'm against is elitists engineering demographic and societal outcomes as if they were God.

If someone 'has it out for you' because they think 'you have it out for them', don't play the *chicken and egg* game with them. Be respectful but watch your back, because some may want you dead, or on your knees.

Writing

If I want to write what I really think, I can't publish it... not a big deal☺

You can either try writing a novel or start living your novel...I think I'll do the latter! (Maybe this time I actually will ☺)

A lot of things frustrate me and a lot of things make me very happy... how do you like those apples☺

Seems like I'm managing to piss off just about everyone, which is not my intent and I don't know if means success or failure... I'll settle for 'it is what it is.'

Copernicus and cuneiform... if you know what I mean ☺